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**Southern Gaza excluded from Labour's 'security areas'**

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The committee preparing the Labour Party's platform for the forthcoming national convention has decided to exclude the southern Gaza Strip from the "security areas" to remain in Israel's hands after a peace agreement with Jordan.

The committee also decided, during a stormy meeting on Sunday night, to omit mention of the Camp David accords in the clause dealing with interim autonomy measures. The clause was reduced to a single sentence reading: "Israel will initiate and discuss interim measures on the path to peace."

Several members gave notice during the meeting, which was attended by Prime Minister Peres and Defence Minister Rabin, that they would appeal the committee's decisions at the convention.

The committee split between hawks and doves on the issue of security borders, with the latter arguing against border specifications. The hawks prevailed, and the platform will specify the north-western area of the Dead Sea, the Jordan valley, Gush Etzion, and the environs of Jerusalem as remaining under Israeli sovereignty.

Rabin's demand that the platform not mention interim arrangements was overruled.

Strenuous debate is expected at the conference on the status of settlements in the occupied territories following a peace arrangement. A clause guaranteeing the "continued existence and safety" of the settlements after peace, was retained despite strong opposition.

Knesset Speaker Shimon Hilel, a leading hawk, gave notice that he would appeal the decision to omit a clause saying that "in the event of a peace arrangement, the refugee problem will find its solution."

The resolution as a whole differs from its immediate predecessors in that it deals with "peace with Jordan and the Palestinians" as a single entity. In its final version it is consistent with Peres's demand that it be sufficiently broad to encompass all options and not create "unilateral facts."

In one of the document's most important clauses, the Labour party commits itself to initiating "wide-ranging discussions with Palestinians who recognize Israel and reject terror." It does not exclude any Palestinians on the basis of their membership in a political group and does not restrict potential partners to residents of the West Bank and Gaza.

MK Micha Harish, chairman of the diplomatic committee, told *The Jerusalem Post* that there was no significance in the fact that the phrase "territorial compromise" did not appear in the resolution. The party's commitment to territorial compromise was implicit in many of the clauses and the need for the phrase itself had simply not arisen, he said.

**'Many embassy workers don't pay income tax'**

Almost half the Israeli workers employed by foreign embassies do not pay income tax, the Treasury revealed yesterday. It said a study conducted by the tax authorities showed 236 of these 484 workers did not pay income tax.

## Budget balancers make little progress

By AVI TEMKIN  
and ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

A wide range of measures aimed at balancing next year's budget were offered at yesterday's meeting between Prime Minister Peres, Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and the coalition executive. But only one proposal met the executive's complete approval.

The participants agreed to continue the tax on motor vehicles after August, when it is due to expire, but agreed to cut it by one percentage point to 2 per cent a year. The tax, the participants agreed, would make it unnecessary to cut pension benefits and raise the retirement age for women to 65 as originally proposed.

The Treasury had sought, until the coalition executive decided otherwise yesterday, to reduce the seniority payments workers get above their basic National Insurance Institute allowance for each additional year of employment.

A doubling of the \$100 travel tax was rejected by both Peres and Moda'i, although they said that, if Israel's foreign currency reserves begin dropping, the increase might be necessary. The two also rejected a proposed tax on stock exchange transactions, as well as the petrol tax suggested by MK Avraham Shapira (Agudat Yisrael).

Peres, however, said he remained firmly committed to imposing an annual education levy of \$60 or \$120, despite fierce opposition among backbenchers in his own Labour Party, as well as in the Likud.

Likud faction Chairwoman Sara Doron said she and her Alignment counterpart, Rafi Edri, had both concluded that a majority could not be mustered in the Knesset to pass the education levy proposal. She said there was no sense in the government asking the coalition to make a commitment it could not keep.

The Alignment faction heads insisted that some of the money (Continued on Page 9)



The children of Jerusalem's Neve Ya'acov quarter brave yesterday's chilly weather to show off their Purim costumes. (Elihu Harati)

## Arson suspected in giant matza blaze

By YORAM GAZIT  
For the Jerusalem Post

PETAH TIKVA. — Fire yesterday struck the country's largest matza company for the third time in six weeks, and firefighters and the firm's owners believe arson is behind the string of blazes.

Yesterday's fire at a storeroom of the Matzot Yisrael factory here destroyed 200,000 packages of matza. The country's matza manufacturers intend to keep their plants running three shifts a day to prevent a shortage this Pesach.

A blaze at the same factory six weeks ago destroyed 150,000 pack-

ages of matza, and a fire last week at the same firm's Matzot Aviv plant in Bnei Brak, destroyed another 150,000 packages intended for export.

Israelis normally consume 2 million packages of matza each Pesach. "The whole thing is very strange. For 30 years nothing happened and then suddenly we have three fires in six weeks. We assume it didn't happen accidentally," David Wolf, one of the owners of Matzot Yisrael Ltd. told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Shmuel Rabin, another owner, added that 10 per cent of the matzot (Continued on Page 9)

## Politicians fight over who will suffer

As the feeling that elections are close grows stronger, "economic growth" has given way to helping political parties and carrying the voter's favour.

Prime Minister Peres wants to impose a levy of 2 per cent on cars — costing vehicles owners a third of their average salary — in addition to the "one-time" tax imposed on vehicles last year. Peres prefers taxing

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cars and trips abroad to reducing the disposable income of the elderly. Likud politicians, on the other

hand, oppose milking car owners for more money, since they already pay a 200 per cent tax when they buy their vehicles, with petrol taxed at a similar rate.

MK Haim Ramon (Alignment) is demanding that luxury apartments be taxed, as the government promised to do last July. Owners of big apartments are not the Alignment's (Continued on Page 9)

## Spain's upgrading of PLO 'won't affect ties with Israel'

By BENNY MORRIS

Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
Israeli officials believe that Spain's relations with the PLO will not be substantially altered despite the weekend announcement in Madrid on the upgrading of the organization's representation in the Spanish capital.

Senior Foreign Ministry sources in Jerusalem adopted a cautious approach to the Madrid move. But they are convinced that it will not have a deleterious impact on relations between Spain and Israel.

The sources said that the announcement by Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez upon his return to Madrid from a visit to Tunis merely "formalized" an existing situation.

The PLO has had an office in the Spanish capital for five years. Ordóñez's announcement now grants that office the same status as offices of international organizations. Ordóñez, responding to a reporter's question after his return to

Madrid, explained that the "formalization" and upgrading of the PLO's status would not give its office the status of an embassy.

But it was clear from his response that the PLO officials would henceforth enjoy *de facto* diplomatic prerogatives.

The Foreign Ministry's sources said Ordóñez's statement was timed to blunt an expected Arab League reaction to Spain's establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel two months ago.

Meanwhile, an agreement on a co-production between Israel and Spain on a TV series is to be signed today by Jose Maria Calvino, director-general of the Spanish Broadcasting Authority. Calvino arrived here on Sunday, for a four-day visit.

The agreement is between the SBA, the Israel Broadcasting Authority, and the Idan and Kastel production companies for a three-part series on Ladino.

## Three killed, 22 wounded in SLA shelling of Nabatiya

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter and agencies

METULLA. — Three people were killed and 22 wounded yesterday in an artillery barrage on Nabatiya launched by the South Lebanese Army.

This was in response to a barrage of 12 Katyusha rockets that fell on the security zone early yesterday morning. No one was reported injured in this attack.

Exchanges of fire continued yesterday near Jezzine between SLA forces and Palestinian gunmen based in Sidon.

A Shi'ite Moslem leader vowed retaliation for what he termed Israeli participation in the shelling of Nabatiya.

"Israeli settlements and installations will not be beyond the blows of the resistance henceforth," said Mahmoud Fakih, leader of the dominant Shi'ite Moslem Amal militia in the South.

"The resistance knows the targets that would pain the enemy most," he called on the predominantly Shi'ite population of South Lebanon to "brace for this new phase of confrontation."

Private Beirut radio stations said the IDF moved tanks and armoured personnel carriers across the border into Israel's "security belt."

But Timur Goksel, spokesman for Unfil, said there were "no unusual military movements" in UN-policed areas of South Lebanon.

## In response to missile attack near 'line of death'

# U.S. naval planes sink Libyan boat, destroy base

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON. — U.S. naval aircraft destroyed a Libyan guided-missile patrol boat and a SAM-5 surface-to-air missile base yesterday after six Libyan missiles were fired at American aircraft in the Gulf of Sidra, the White House announced late last night.

White House Spokesman Larry Speakes said the U.S. navy will continue to patrol the area as long as American officials deem it necessary. There are over 30 ships with three aircraft carriers off the "Line of Death" delineated by Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi in the Gulf of Sidra.

Secretary of Defence Caspar

Weinberger told reporters here that no damage had been done to U.S. equipment and no American had been hurt.

Speakes said the Libyan patrol boat was destroyed by a Harpoon missile because it was moving fast and ominously close to U.S. ships in the area. He said the Libyan vessel was over 100 miles from the Libyan coast.

"The ship is dead in the water, burning, and appears to be sinking," he said. "There are no apparent survivors."

He said damage to the Libyan missile site on the shore was still being assessed.

Saying that the U.S. does not consider the episode closed, the spokesman added: "We now consid-

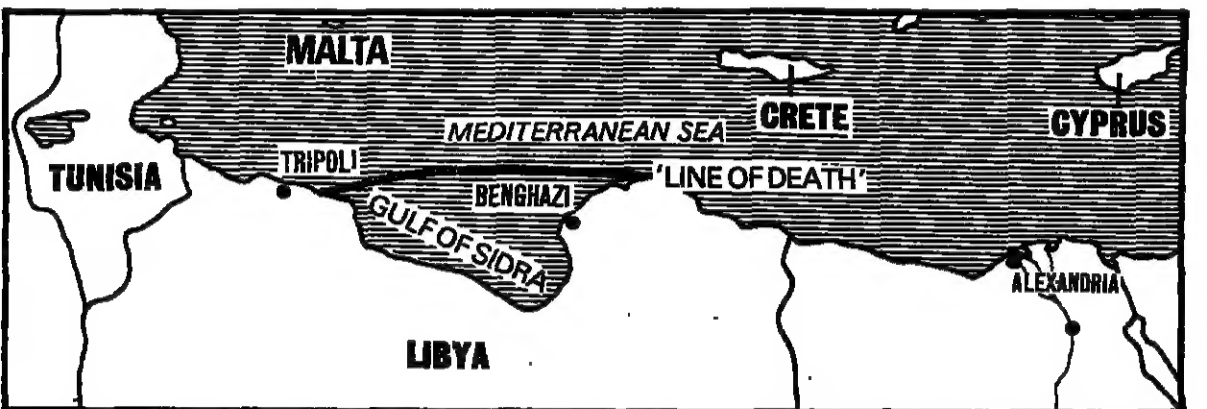
er all approaching Libyan forces to have hostile intent."

In explaining the U.S. response, Speakes said the American exercise was legal and reaffirmed freedom of navigation in international waters and airspace. "We deny Libya's claims that its territorial waters extend throughout the Gulf of Sidra, as almost all other nations do, and condemn Libya's actions," Speakes said. "They point out again, for all to see the aggressive and unlawful nature of Gaddafi's regime."

BBC monitors said last night that Libyan television interrupted a musical programme yesterday evening with the following statement:

"Brothers and sisters, we now received the following: the Amer-

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## IDF reservist stabbed by terrorists in Galilee

Jerusalem Post Staff and Ilim

NAZARETH. — A widespread search was being conducted yesterday by police and Border Police in the Galilee after the attempted murder of an IDF reservist by terrorists Sunday night.

Yosef Levi, 46, of Kibbutz Usha, was stabbed in the chest after he accepted a ride in a car driven by one of the terrorists. Levi was reported out of danger yesterday at the Italian hospital here, where he was operated on.

He told police that, soon after getting into the car, he was stabbed by a passenger sitting in the back seat. Levi struggled, "causing the driver to lose control of the wheel, and the car swerved off the highway near the village of Mande."

Levi managed to get out of the car, and the struggle with his attackers continued; after several minutes the terrorists fled, one on foot, the other in the car. Levi said that "at least 25 cars

went by as I stood there at the side of the road covered in blood. Maybe the drivers didn't want to dirty their cars."

He admitted that "I was stupid to get into that car." His M-16 rifle was left in the car.

Commenting on the attack, Minister without Portfolio Moshe Arens said yesterday that it was one of several such incidents lately which were "evidently part of a planned programme of action by terrorist organizations."

Arens, who was speaking to reporters during a visit to Daliat al-Carmel, said Israel had achieved no small measure of success in dealing with terror acts in the past and would find answers to the present problem.

While advising soldiers to be extremely careful about accepting lifts, Arens stressed that it was the government's task to "create the kind of conditions in which soldiers and civilians can travel freely and in peace within Israel's borders."

## Hassan: Arab leader should meet Peres on Fez peace plan

KUWAIT (AFP). — Morocco's King Hassan yesterday proposed a summit conference between a chosen Arab leader and Prime Minister Shimon Peres to hear Israel's views on the Fez peace plan.

In an interview published in the Kuwaiti *Al-Sayassah* newspaper, Hassan said the mission of the Arab leader would "not be to negotiate, make commitments or sign [peace treaties], but to feel the pulse, reconnoitre and directly determine the enemy's [Israel's] thoughts on the Fez summit decisions."

Hassan's unprecedented proposal came as Arab foreign ministers gathered in Tunisia for the Arab League council sessions to discuss an emergency Arab summit conference.

"I propose this question to my brother [Arab] leaders and kings: What is shameful or disgraceful in choosing one among them and delegating him for a summit meeting with Israel?" he said.

## Chief rabbis 'break law' in warning against 'masorti' schools

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The chief rabbis have broken the law by warning parents against *masorti* or "traditional" schools, the chairman of Hemdat, the public council for cultural, religious and scientific freedom charged yesterday.

Prof. Hillel Shoval told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that he had called the attorney-general and the minister of religious affairs, calling upon them to restrain the chief rabbis from further derogatory propaganda against the Tali school network, as it is officially known.

Shoval pointed out that the Compulsory Education Law specifically forbids propagandizing against or for specific schools during the registra-

tion period. This law applies to all citizens and certainly to government officials such as the chief rabbis, he said.

Hemdat claims that the campaign against the Tali schools "which provide traditional religious education from an enlightened point of view, is a result of their success in Jerusalem, Ramat Gan, Beersheba and Hod Hasharon in attracting large numbers of pupils, and a resulting decline in the State Religious school system."

The Masorti (Conservative) movement also reacted sharply to the chief rabbis' statement, which had warned parents against sending children "to the schools of the Conservatives." The Masorti statement noted that "there are no 'Conservative' schools in Israel."

Unlike Agudat Yisrael, the statement continued, "we make our contribution within the framework of state schools. We have not separated ourselves from the community. Our sons and daughters serve in the army."

The Masorti movement also noted that "it is totally inappropriate for the chief rabbis, who are after all government appointees, to defame any state school." On the contrary, it adds, they should encourage such programmes.

Meanwhile, however, the Jerusalem chief rabbis have promulgated their own statement against the Tali schools. Unlike the country's chief rabbis, who merely "warned" against such schools, the Jerusalem chief rabbis specifically ruled that it is against Jewish law to send a child to such a school.

## Yugoslav magazine: Waldheim was with 'genocide unit'

By ILONA HENRY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

VIENNA. — A Yugoslav magazine reported yesterday that former UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim was assigned in 1942 to the headquarters of a special army unit accused of massacring civilians in Bosnia.

The report appeared just hours after Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal held a press conference in Vienna to call on Yugoslavia to respond to charges that Waldheim was a suspected Nazi war criminal wanted by Belgrade authorities for complicity in murder.

The magazine, a biweekly published in Zagreb called *Start*, said it had documents showing that Waldheim belonged to the operations command of a special group formed by the Nazis in May 1942 called *Kampfgruppe Westbosnien* (Fighting Group of West Bosnia).

Following a German offensive in the summer of that year, a "total genocide against the civilian population" was committed in Bosnia, including the deportation of more than 68,000 people to concentration camps.

Although the Yugoslav government repeated yesterday that it had no comment on the Waldheim affair, *Start's* publishers, the Vjesnik Publishing House, follows the line of the



Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal displays a copy of Sunday's *Jerusalem Post* at a press conference yesterday in Vienna, where he called on Yugoslavia to say why it had named Kurt Waldheim as a suspected Nazi war criminal. (Reuter telephoto)

partisans," the spokesman said, adding that Waldheim was subsequently transferred to Greece.

In Salonika, Waldheim was with Army Group E, a unit implicated in the deportation of thousands of Jews.

The World Jewish Congress (WJC) said in New York on Saturday it had found a 1948 U.S. army document listing Waldheim, 67, as sought by Yugoslavia on suspicion of complicity in murder.

"An accusation of murder is of a quite different order," Wiesenthal told a news conference, referring to other charges in the past month that Waldheim belonged to three minor Nazi groups.

"When it's a question of murder I want to know the truth... The truth lies with the Yugoslav government."

In comments reported by the *Kurier* newspaper here before the Yugoslav story appeared, Waldheim accused "certain Jewish circles" of being behind a perceived anti-Austria campaign.

"What the World Jewish Congress is now doing is absurd, an impertinence without foundation. It is impudence to label me now as a war criminal," he was quoted as saying.

Waldheim declared that Jewish circles in the U.S. will not decide who becomes the next president of Austria.



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DUBLIN	3	37
FRANKFURT	2	36
GENEVA	4	39
LONDON	0	32
MADRID	5	42
MONTREAL	-2	28
NEW YORK	1	34
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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Possibility of rain in the morning

Yesterday's	Today's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	57	14
Golan	71	14
Nabatieh	71	15-19
Safed	61	12-13
Haifa Port	68	12-19
Tiberias	61	15-23
Nazareth	61	15-16
Afula	62	10-20
Shomron	55	11-18
Tel Aviv	68	15-19
B-G Airport	61	12-19
Jericho	47	13-24
Gaza	71	14-20
Beersheva	51	12-19
Eilat	38	11-24

## ARRIVALS

Edith Rachman of Orange County, California, and Gerald Laseosky, executive director of the Orange County Jewish Federation for the dedication today of the Asia Mayer Recreation Centre in Ashdod, named after Mrs. Rachman's late sister.

Mrs. Raya Jaglom, President World Wizo and Vice President, World Jewish Congress.

## In Memoriam

A memorial ceremony for the late Yigal Alon was held yesterday at Kibbutz Ginosar, with President Herzog, Defence Minister Rabin and Knesset members attending.

## Feinstein funeral in J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thousands of mourners are expected to attend the funeral of Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, who died in New York on Sunday night at the age of 91. His body is expected to arrive for burial in Jerusalem today.

Affectionately called "Reb Moshe" by his followers, Feinstein was one of the world's leading authorities on halacha. He was born in Uzd, near Minsk, in 1895 and studied with his father and in the local yeshiva. Feinstein became rabbi of Uzd in 1916 and of Luban in 1921. In 1937 he went to the U.S. and was appointed head of Medfiah Tiferet Yeshiva in New York City.

Feinstein served as president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S. and Canada (1968-1980) and of American Agudat Yisrael (1966-1980), also acting as chairman and spiritual leader of the Aguda's Moetzet G'dolei Hatorah. He was the author of *Igrot Moshe*, six volumes of responsa - answers to contemporary questions of religious observance - and of *Dibrot Moshe*, 10 volumes on Talmud.

Feinstein's wife, Sima, predeceased him; he is survived by three children, Faya Sifra, David and Reuben. In a statement yesterday, Israel's two chief rabbis expressed sorrow at the death of Feinstein, whom they called "the... greatest arbiter in this generation. He was an outstanding yeshiva head, who left behind him several important volumes of responsa on all aspects of the Torah." Feinstein resolved problems of halacha, the chief rabbis said, for rabbis and ordinary Jews all over the world.

Members of the late rabbi's family in Israel told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the body is due to arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport at 4 p.m. The funeral has been provisionally set to leave at 9 tonight from the Ezer Haim Yeshiva on Jaffa Road for the Har Hamenuhot cemetery.

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## Gen. Callaghan to head Unifil

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). - Lieutenant-General William Callaghan of Ireland, commander of Unifil, will succeed Lt.-Gen. Emmanuel Erskine of Ghana as chief of staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization (Unifil), the UN announced yesterday.

Erskine, who has commanded UN peace-keeping operations in the Middle East for nearly 12 years, is due to relinquish his post on April 30.

Unto, with headquarters in Jerusalem, was originally set up to help supervise armistice agreements signed in 1948 between Israel and each of its Arab neighbours.

## HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

### Kulas to defend himself before Knesset panel

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent

Law Committee Chairman Eli Kulas is calling his panel into session next Monday to discuss the public and legal implications of what he called the "smear campaign" against him concerning the way in which the Hebrew University awarded him a law degree last year.

On the principle that attack is the best form of defence, Kulas told reporters yesterday that "the honest and decent people who know the regulations of the university and the Bar Association all know I got my degree, and my licence to practise law, in a totally legal and proper manner."

"Those who smear me with their evil tongue are merely spreading blood libel," he declared. "We have

to find out who was interested in blackening my reputation and why."

Kulas said the university's law faculty had not made things any easier for him because he was a public figure. "On the contrary, I would have got my degree years earlier, had I not been a Knesset member," he claimed.

Kulas is connected with the Liberal Party wing led by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, but sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Kulas issue was not raised by Kulas's party rivals but by members of the law faculty who regarded the procedure adopted towards Kulas as improper.

The sources said that last week, when procedures were posted in the law faculty for students who fail exams that would accord them the same rights as those granted to

Kulas, they provoked caustic comments from several lecturers. The procedures allow a student who has failed a subject four times to have two additional opportunities to take the final examination.

Yitzhak Engelhard, the Hebrew University law school dean, has denied that Kulas failed his criminal law examination four times. In a statement, the dean said that Kulas had been given two chances to take the exam, the last more than eight years after he began his legal studies, the maximum time allowed to complete them. Kulas failed both tests but then received permission to take it a third time under the auspices of the Tel Aviv University law school. He passed the exam in July 1985.

The Kulas degree affair was brought up yesterday in the Knesset

House Committee, even though it was not on the agenda.

"It's the university's problem," said Chaima Grossman (Mapam) in support of Kulas. "If the university claims he got his degree legitimately, the Knesset should stay out of it. I don't care if it took him four years or 12 years to get his degree. As long as Kulas himself did not perpetrate a fraud, what is there to say?"

Among the House Committee members who thought otherwise was Michael Eitan (Likud), who said: "It happens all too often that when a Knesset member is criticized, his colleagues rally round him as though there existed a professional parliamentary guild. That is unhealthy. If the issue is there, it should be cleared up."

### Gur blasts footdragging on Kupat Holim aid

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

The Finance Ministry's footdragging in approving the recommendations of the Gadish report on Kupat Holim reforms is "a national scandal," Health Minister Mordechai Gur said yesterday.

Gur was replying to five urgent motions for the agenda on the implementation of the Gadish report. The motions were referred to the Finance Committee, with Gur expressing the hope that the committee would deal with them "immediately," in the framework of its debate on the state budget, which is nearing its conclusion.

Gur said the Histadrut need not have waited for the Gadish recommendation that its dues (*mas ahid*)

be raised to help cover rising medical costs. It should have done that two or three years ago, Gur said, adding, however, that he was happy the Histadrut and Kupat Holim had accepted that part of the report.

But there was no justification, said Gur, that government funding, which was \$50 million this year and had been slated to rise to \$70m. in the next fiscal year, had been cut to \$39m.

While the Gadish report does not propose a specific amount of government aid, it does recommend that the sum total of employer contributions (*mas makbil*) and government support should be \$390m. That means that government support should remain at \$50m., Gur said, although "a minimum of social justice" dictates that it should be higher.

The National Health Insurance Law would make that obligation perfectly clear, Gur said. The first draft of the bill is being studied and corrected, he added, predicting he would be able to submit it to the Ministerial Legislation Committee within six weeks.

Ran Cohen (Citizens Rights Movement) opposed any increase in Kupat Holim dues. He said Kupat Holim's crisis is not due to any operating problems but primarily to the decline in government aid to one-fourth its 1978/79 level.

Uriel Linn (Likud-Liberals) said that even though Kupat Holim's management bears "direct personal responsibility" for the crisis, it has not been called to account. Instead it is the public, in the final analysis, that will have to pay. Only irres-

possible managers could have incurred debts of over \$400m., paying a real annual interest rate of 95 per cent.

In a related matter, the Knesset defeated, 21-18, the motion by Deputy Finance Minister Adiel Amoral to strike from the agenda a motion on "the need for control and oversight over the injection of public funds into enterprises in difficulty."

The motion's sponsor, Michael Eitan, (Likud-Herut) said that in recent years Bank Hapoalim had loaned hundreds of millions of dollars to Kupat Holim and other Histadrut enterprises without adequate security. He said the government should make aid to Hapoalim conditional on a "house-cleaning" by the bank's management and on greater public oversight of its activities.

### Marathon Opec conference breaks up without agreement

GENEVA (AP). - A marathon

Opec meeting broke up yesterday with no agreement on oil production cuts aimed at reversing the downward trend in prices, officials said. The collapse of the tumultuous talks sent open-market oil prices into a dive. However, industry analysts said Opec still had a chance of pushing prices back up if it agreed later on deep cuts in production.

A one-sentence Opec statement issued at the close of the meeting said oil ministers from the 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries planned to meet again in three weeks to resume the negotiations.

The Geneva talks, which were held in a top-floor hotel suite, lasted nine days and marked one of the longest Opec conferences in the cartel's history.

The final session ended in turmoil with Opec President Arturo Hernandez Grisanti of Venezuela and many other ministers slipping out of the hotel without responding to re-

porters' questions. The usual post-meeting news conference by the cartel president was cancelled with no explanation.

"I hope that we've laid the foundation for the next meeting to be a successful one," said Ali Khalifa al-Sabah, the oil minister of Kuwait, in brief remarks as he was leaving the Geneva hotel.

"We understand each other's positions better, and now we have a basis to go back and consult with our governments."

Others were more blunt. A source in the Ecuadorian delegation, speaking privately, said the ministers had failed to agree on a limit for their overall production or on quotas for each member.

"No ceiling, no quotas, no nothing," he said.

Fawzi Shakshuki, the oil minister of Libya, said the ministers were aiming at a production ceiling of between 14 million and 15 million barrels a day. They currently produce about 17 million barrels daily.

### Sharir denies feelers to Alignment

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir yesterday denied a report in Sunday's *Jerusalem Post* that he had proposed the establishment of a Labour-led narrow government with the participation of a group of Liberal MKs.

"The minister denies the contents of the article absolutely," Sharir's spokesman said. "He did not hold any contacts with the prime minister regarding unity between the Liberals and the Labour Alignment."

Sharir, the spokesman added, had been particularly active in promoting the proposed merger between the Liberal Party and Herut.

The *Post* reported senior Labour sources as saying that Sharir had proposed to Peres that seven Liberals would participate in the establishment of a narrow government in return for four guaranteed seats on the Alignment list for the next Knesset elections. The proposal was conditional on the Liberal-Herut merger not going through.

### LIBYA

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ican Air Force commenced this morning violating the air space over Libyan Arab territorial waters in the Gulf of Sidra.

"Our air defences combated it and shot down three aircraft, two of which were shot down today at noon, and the third was shot down this evening. The three aircraft fell in the sea."

"At about 1:20 p.m. the American fleet shelled the suburbs of the city of Sidra, using rockets."

State Department spokesman, Charles Redman, said earlier in the evening "the claim to control navigation and over-flight in a vast area of the Mediterranean, such as has been made by Libya concerning the Gulf of Sidra, is inconsistent with tradi-

tional freedoms of the sea, recognized in contemporary state practice, and has no basis in international law."

Redman said the other Western governments agree with this American position. He sought to belittle the Libyan stance by noting that Libya's position was recognized only by the tiny country of Burkina Faso.

Redman and other administration officials have maintained, however, that the American crossing into the Gulf of Sidra during the current naval maneuvers in the Mediterranean was not meant to be a provocation.

"It's simply an exercise," he said. "Any time we go into the Gulf of

Sidra or any other body of international water, it's an exercise of our rights under international law."

The administration, meanwhile, has been deeply embarrassed by reports that the U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, William Wilson, made an apparently unauthorized "peace-making" visit to Libya shortly after the Rome and Vienna terrorist attacks in December.

Ambassador Wilson is an old friend of President Reagan's from California. He has not been fired, although Secretary of State George Shultz is reported to have reprimanded him.

"There were no contacts authorized between any American diplomats and Colonel Gaddafi and his regime," Redman said yesterday.

### Zamir limits charity donations

By BARBARA AMOUYAL  
For The Jerusalem Post

Government-owned companies may not contribute more than NIS 25 to charitable institutions without written approval from their boards, and under no circumstances can contributions come from company profits, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has ruled.

Zamir made the ruling at the request of a group of directors-general of ministries and government-owned companies, who sought legal guidelines concerning contributions of cash and services to charitable organizations.

### MIDDLE EAST

Frenchmen held by extremist Islamic militias to be freed. (AP).

BAGHDAD. - Iraq said yesterday its warplanes attacked a "large naval target" near the Iranian coast, scoring an accurate hit. Iraq often uses the term to describe oil tankers or merchant ships. A dozen ships have been hit by Iraq and Iran in the Gulf over the past month in their 5½-year-old war. (Reuters).

### State rejects claim by Jewish terrorists

The state prosecutor yesterday rejected claims that confessions made by five members of the Jewish underground were obtained illegally.

Dorit Beinish was replying in the Supreme Court to an appeal by attorneys for the convicted terrorists.

The appeal said that confessions contained in a document known as "Dear Brothers" were extorted.

Beinish replied that "Dear Brothers" was composed at the initiative of the defendants, who wanted it to circulate among their fellow conspirators in jail.



Arye Vuka of Zabala is holding a hunger strike at the Knesset to protest Israel's inaction in the case of Yuli Edelstein, a religious teacher of Hebrew in Moscow, now serving a three-year sentence in a Soviet labour camp near the Mongolian border. Edelstein was arrested in September 1984 on trumped-up charges of possessing drugs and of using them in the *Havdala* ceremony marking the end of Shabbat. (Rahamin Israeli)

### Call for Land Day strike

By JOEL GREENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Progressive List for Peace called yesterday for a general strike Sunday by Israeli Arabs to mark the 10th anniversary of Land Day and to protest against alleged anti-Arab discrimination and racism.

MKs Matti Peled and Mohammed Miar, who are leaders of the PLP, told a Jerusalem press conference the Land Day strike and demonstrations would be peaceful, and called on the Jewish population and security forces to avoid violent confrontations with the demonstrators. "It will be a quiet day of protest, with no provocations," Miar said.

Peled said Land Day observances would not only commemorate the deaths of six Arabs in Land Day disturbances 10 years ago, but would also call for wide-ranging action to ensure equal rights for Israeli Arabs.

A PLP statement said demonstrations would protest against the con-

tinued holding of expropriated Arab land, reductions in land reserves for expansion of Arab villages and towns, and exclusion of Arab communities from planned development areas. The protests will also focus on the withholding of funds from Arab local councils, the neglect of the Arab education system, and the imposition of discriminatory land, water and production quotas on Arab farmers, the statement said.

Peled said the largest centres of unemployment in Israel are in Arab towns, and that thousands of Arabs face layoffs due to the slump in the construction industry.

The PLP's strike call has not been backed by the Communist-dominated "Committee for the Defence of the Land," which organized the Land Day demonstrations. Miar said the PLP would cooperate with "a number of local Arab groups" in organizing the strike.

### WZO Executive decides to depoliticize emissary system

By MOSHE KOHN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The World Zionist Organization Executive yesterday appointed a committee of three senior officials to draw up "operational proposals" for implementing the Landau Commission's recommendations to depoliticize the WZO-Jewish Agency emissary (*shaliah*) system.

The three, who are to report back within a month, are WZO Director-General Shlomo Gazit; Moshe Hasskell, director-general of the Finance Department; and Moshe Gilad, director of the Emissaries Authority.

The action followed Executive Chairman Arye Dulzain's announcement of the final tally in the mail referendum of the 31, Israeli and American executive members. Nineteen voted for Dulzain's proposal accepting the Landau recommendations "in principle" and set-

ting up the above committee. These were the Labour members and those of the World Confederation of General Zionists, which comprises Hadassah and Dulzain's Liberal Centre.

An alternative proposal, stating that the Executive has heard and takes note of the Landau report and "will set up a committee of Executive members to study it," was supported by 10 members: those of Herut, Mizrahi-Hapoel Hasmizrahi, and the World Confederation of United Zionists (mainly the Zionist Organization of America).

One member abstained, and the vote of the remaining member was disqualified on technical grounds.

The essence of the Landau report is that the emissary system should be taken out of the hands of the political parties and managed by a supreme, non-partisan authority including public representatives.

### Orna Gaon opposes blackout order

Orna Gaon yesterday petitioned

the High Court of Justice to set aside an order secured by her husband, singer Yehoram Gaon, imposing a news blackout on their divorce proceedings in the rabbinical court.

"First he fed the news media a libellous and tendentious account of the divorce, then he got the rabbinical court to impose a blackout before I could react," she said.

She also asked the High Court to overturn the decision of the rabbinical court to speed up the hearings in their case. "It is unthinkable that a case involving divorce, maintenance payments, custody of children and a considerable amount of property be heard just four days after I formally received notice of the case, without allowing me enough time to prepare a response," she said.

She noted that divorce hearings in rabbinical courts usually take a long time, and it was not clear why her case was being handled like a "summary court martial."

The petition said that Yehoram Gaon released his version of the divorce to the press even before it had reached the court, creating a "lynch" atmosphere that had affected her health.

She added that she had asked the Chief Rabbinate to investigate the actions of the rabbinical court in her case, and had requested a lien on her husband's property until the case was decided. (ftm)

### 'Most want smoking restricted at work'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Most Israelis would like to see smoking forbidden at the workplace, except in designated "smokers' rooms," says a survey carried out last month by the Dahaf Research Institute.

The survey, commissioned by the Society for the Prevention of Smoking, showed that 80 per cent of non-smokers and 50 per cent of smokers questioned would favour such an arrangement.

Nearly 70 per cent of those polled said they favoured banning smoking in queues in public places such as banks and post offices.

### French National Front leader plans visit here

Jerusalem Post Staff

Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the extreme right in France, plans to visit this country, Israeli ambassador to France Ovadia Sofer told Army Radio yesterday.

"An associate of Le Pen approached me recently and said the leader of the National Front intends to visit Israel," Sofer said.

Le Pen, whose party received nearly 10 per cent of the vote in the recent French elections, has been accused of being a racist and anti-Semite by leaders of the French Jewish community.

### Social workers in threatened strike

By TSIPI KUPER

Social workers are threatening to go on an open-ended strike, leaving their clients - who include geriatric patients and retarded people in institutions - without care.

They declared a work dispute last week, demanding that their pay be upgraded to the level of workers on the academic and standard wage

scales.

"If our demands are not met during the 15-day cooling period, the country's 3,500 social workers will strike, affecting the entire population which receives social care in the welfare offices, Kupat Holim branches, institutions and hospitals," the head of the Social Workers' Union, Sarah Zilberstein, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

On the thirtieth day after the death of our dear  
**GACKVIS TEBOUL** ז"ל  
son of Moshe and Aishe  
there will be a memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone  
on Thursday, March 27, 1986, in the new Ra'anana cemetery.  
We shall gather at 3 p.m. in our home, 261 Kiryat Sharett,  
Ra'anana.  
We thank all who comforted and supported us during these  
difficult days.  
The Family

In deep sorrow,  
we announce the death on March 24, 1986, of  
**GERTRUD SARA MANDOWSKY**  
of Kiryat Haim  
The Family

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved  
**REVA GRUSCHKA**  
The funeral will take place TODAY, March 25, 1986,  
at 1 p.m. at the Holon Cemetery.  
We shall meet at the entrance at the NEW GATE.  
Transportation will be provided at 12.30 p.m. from the deceased's  
home, 38 Hamatmid St., Ramat Gan.  
The Bereaved Family

To Jeffrey and Family  
Deepest sympathy on the passing of your father  
**SYDNEY GREENBERG** ז"ל  
Carmiel  
Kibbutz Ginnosar

The eleventh Yahrzeit Service for  
**Rabbi ABRAHAM MAYER HELLER** ז"ל  
will be observed at the Mt. of Olives cemetery, Thursday, March 27  
at 12.30 p.m. Transport will be provided at 12.00 noon from the Jerusalem Plaza.  
Hotel on request.  
Frances Heller

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## C-o-L hakavod!

By SLOMO MAZEH  
Jerusalem Imposter Economics Distorter

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday that durable imports were up last month by 30 per cent as compared to the same period on a baseline of 100 but we're still going bust.

The CBS also reported that the C-o-L rose in the first half of March by 1.02 per cent in comparison to the OC Northern Command during the third half of February and when was the last time you wrote your mother?

The Treasury meanwhile announced that foreign-currency reserves are up, agricultural exports are down, the Bronx is up, the Battery's down, the people ride in a hole in the ground and what's it to you how often I write my mother?

## Four ministers implicated in graft

By ISAAC VICEROY  
Jerusalem Imposter Reporter  
Israel created medical history yesterday when a team of doctors at the Knesset Centre for the Politically Terminally Ill grafted a growth policy onto the body of a 37-year-old economy. The economy's condition was last night described as critical but stable.

A statement released by the hospital at the conclusion of the four month operation said that the team, led by labourologist Prof. Shimon Peres, had decided to go ahead with the transplant when it became clear that the economy was close to death.

"His body ravaged by the effects of seven years of hyperinflation, the economy was on his last legs," the statement said. "His unemployment

rate was critically high and regular transfusions of imported American cash were having no discernible effect."

The economy spent some eight months in the intensive-care unit before the operation, in an attempt to stabilize his inflation rate and limit his consumption of luxuries.

A counter-statement was released by dissenting members of the medical team, led by anesthetist Prof. Yitzhak Shamir and pathologist Prof. Yitzhak Moda'i. The counter-statement attributed the deterioration in the economy's condition to the treatment he received under Prof. Peres and the then head of the medical centre Prof. (Res.) Yitzhak Rabin in the period prior to the first attack of inflationitis.

Yesterday's historic operation was the first time that a growth policy had been grafted onto the body of a terminally ill economy. Medical experts in the U.S., including the renowned Prof. George Shultz of the Foggy Bottom Hospital in Washington, have long maintained that it could not be done.

An exhausted but satisfied Prof. Peres last night attributed the success of the operation to "Jewish ingenuity and a commitment to the search for peace." He predicted a "bright high-tech future" for the economy, "and possibly even a marriage with a royal neighbour."

The identity of the donor of the growth policy was still unclear last night. Prof. Moda'i, who had reportedly opposed the transplant,

attributed the source of the organ to a Mr. Ro Tation, whose whereabouts have caused considerable distress at the Knesset centre recently. But knowledgeable forces close to Prof. Peres maintained that Tation was still alive - for the time being.

The sources added that the operation had been undertaken after consultation with two outside experts - Prof. Yisrael Kassar of the Kupat Holim Very Sick Fund and Prof. Eli Hurwitz of the Cut-throat Employers Medical Centre. The operation was strongly opposed by Drs. David Levy, Arik Sharon and Gaston Malca who called for a revote on the decision and then rampaged through the operating theatre, pulling plugs out of the walls and throwing scalpels at the nurses.

## Netanyahu: Cut it out; can't you see I'm busy?

By WALLY BOOBY  
Jerusalem Imposter Correspondent

Hundreds of Jewish leaders all over the U.S. have admitted to using life-size cardboard cut-outs of Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Binyamin Netanyahu, to produce fake photos for their local newspapers supposedly showing the ambassador standing together with the machers of local Jewish organizations.

"We only wanted to show some signs of life in our group," moaned one of those caught red-handed with the Netanyahu Stand-In. Morris Goldstein, president of the Muncie, Indiana chapter of the national Confederated Discombobulated Association of Jewish Men's Clubs, lamented to *The Jerusalem Imposter* in an exclusive interview, that "nobody comes to our meetings any more. We didn't think it would hurt to have our picture in the paper with the ambassador."

All of this explains the real reason behind Netanyahu's reputation as a "much sought-after speaker in the American Jewish community," as press accounts often describe him. For the past two years, his office has been distributing vast quantities of the full-colour cut-outs, which are also available in a Kipa-Kovered model for religious gatherings.

According to unconfirmed reports, Netanyahu concocted the scheme as a way of responding to the flood of speaking requests that he receives. The Conference of Major Presidents of Minor American Jewish Organizations eagerly went along with the plan, seeing it as an easy way to boost the standing of their local chapters in the community. Since no one besides the chapter machers ever attends local meetings anyway, they shrewdly reasoned, no one else would ever know if Netanyahu was there or not.

The cut-outs were manufactured at a secret location in Brooklyn in a plant owned by Max Feldman, who proudly said that he donated the entire lot "for the welfare of the community." It was later revealed, however, that he was allowed to make this donation in lieu of his annual contribution to the UJA.

The proceeds from the sale of the cut-outs have been used to finance fiction lessons for Netanyahu, so that he can improve the Hebrew accent that gives his speeches that ring of authenticity.

As an indication of just how wide this scam has spread, it was discovered that on Wednesday, March 13, 1984, Netanyahu or his Stand-In - it is not clear from the pictures just

who or what was where - appeared at no less than 16 separate dinners, testimonials, meetings and fund-raising banquets. In each case pictures of the ambassador and his beaming hosts duly appeared in the local Jewish paper several days later.

The scam was exposed after an over-zealous public relations officer at the embassy began circulating the photo below of Netanyahu with his official biography, citing his contributions at key moments in Jewish history. This picture was in circulation for over a year until Prof. Howard Ben-Canaan, a yored who teaches Jewish studies at Albuquerque Junior College, noted during the course of his research comparing Torah covers and Navaho rugs, that Netanyahu would have been only two years old when this picture was taken. He revealed his startling discovery in a paper read at a recent conference on cross-cultural embroidery.

When your reporter sought a reaction from the ambassador's office, this recorded message was received: "The ambassador is away on a speaking engagement, and will return tomorrow. Orders for Stand-Ins may be made by mail or in person, cheques or money orders accepted. Thank you and have a nice day!"



UN Ambassador Binyamin Netanyahu (centre) is seen at age two in this 1948 photo of U.S. President Harry S (for nothing) Truman (left) receiving the new Jewish state's national symbol, a Purim grogger, from an unidentified Zionist (right). (Roter television)

## Ronnie tells world: Lemme put my arms around ya

By WOOLF BLIZZARD

WASHINGTON. - The State Department had no comment yesterday on Monday's report in *The Washington Post* that Israel is seeking weapons from the U.S. to supply to the Iraqis to funnel to the Soviets to ship to the Angolans to pass to the Cubans to hand over to the Sandinistas to oppose the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

"I should like to take this opportunity," State Department spokesman Bernard Klab told reporters, "to say that the secretary of state most emphatically has no comment to make at this time. Lest this be misconstrued, the secretary has asked me to inform the press that our policy remains unchanged. We strongly oppose any escalation in the arms race, unless it involves the Saudis, who are the only ones who pay up front - and even those towelheads are writing postdated cheques these days."

Over at the Pentagon, Defence Secretary Caspar Waldheimberger denied the newspaper report without specifically denying the State Department's denial. "Look," he said, "we don't have anything personally against them Israelis over there trying to turn a buck on a weapons deal. I mean, it's only to be expected from those hook-nosed - say, is that one of those teeny little tape recorders I see?"

At the White, President Reagan did not issue a denial of the denial, but instead asked, rather obliquely: "What was the question?" He also drew applause from the press corp when he announced that he had just nuded Connecticut and had sold Grenada to Twentieth Century Fox. Or was it the other way round?

## Spokesman backtracks, denies clarification

By BIBI AMWELL

Jewish Agency head Aryeh Dulzin said yesterday that his organization does not suffer from bureaucratic attitudes.

Dulzin, who is only in his office from 2:30 to 3:00 on Thursdays, but was ill on the last three Thursday afternoons, left a message with the office receptionist to the effect that bureaucracy is virtually non-existent among his staff. The receptionist, however, could not find the written message.

"When somebody comes in, we all help him," she said, stirring her tea. "Everyone tries to contribute. We're like an assembly line, we all have a rubber stamp, so each of us feels that we've played a part."

## Anybody seen Shamir?

## They seek him here, they seek him there

By GAY FREE SWAGMAN

Mystery last night surrounded the whereabouts of Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir, who has not been seen since the Herut convention two weeks ago.

Shamir's apparent disappearance went unremarked for some days, as family and friends have grown accustomed to his "going off for days at a time to marshall his thoughts," according to a close Shamir family source.

When Shamir failed to turn up last night for his traditional home-cooked Monday night dinner of sprats and latkes, however, his wife Shulamit alerted the police. "He'd never miss his favourite dinner," Shulamit said last night. "It's just not like him. And I had chocolate mousse for dessert as well."

Jerusalem District police commander Haim Allbaldies told *The Imposter* that he was interested in questioning Prime Minister Peres and Deputy Premier David Levy, believed to be the last two men to have seen Shamir prior to his disappearance.

Peres said last night that he was deeply worried about Shamir, and was particularly perturbed by the prospect of having to serve as premier for another two years if Shamir was not found by October.

Levy also expressed concern, adding that he had "no idea" as to what motive anyone could have for getting rid of the Herut Party leader.



There were three in the bed and the little one said:



"Turn over." And they all turned over



and one fell out.

## Aliya dep't stands by its tory

By DEAN MARTIN  
Imposter Reporter

Embattled British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is planning to make aliya, according to a source hiding in that little cupboard under the stairs at 10 Downing Street.

With inflation once more on the rise in Britain, and unemployment at the 50 million mark (Thatcher is currently the only person working in Britain, and even she isn't exactly overdoing it), the Iron Lady is said to be less than enthusiastic as to the future of her government or her own political career. Prime Minister Peres's invitation to Thatcher was the final chinch in Thatcher's decision to move to Israel, and she is considering coming this summer.

Herut party chiefs are reportedly already courting Thatcher - husband Dennis is expected to accompany her, but then he's a bit of a wimp anyway, isn't he - and believe that

her name on the Herut list of Knesset candidates could bring in a lot of votes. British political observers are not so sure, and I actually heard one of them sniggering at the idea.

First indications of Thatcher's plan to shut shop and move on came in January, at the time of Home Secretary Leon Brittan's resignation over the Westland helicopter affair. Brittan quit amid House of Commons furore over the leaking of a document, and a bitter Thatcher told the House then: "You've driven one of my best ministers out of office, it's a disgrace. Why, this kind of thing happens every other day in Israel, and nobody there bats an eyelid. What a marvellous place."

Brittan and other Jewish cabinet ministers are also said to be considering a move, although Nigel Lawson and Sir Keith Joseph are not thought to be keen to enter Israeli politics. Sources said they'd be happier, and better off, if appointed Solel Boneh board members.

## Hey, man; a hash for us

By TAL MOODIE

WHY SHUSHAN PURIM? Why not, answered R. Yitakesh. How do we know, interpolated R. Mitakesh, that for every mishloach manot we give out on Purim, we get 10 back on Shushan Purim?

Because it is written, the Sabbath table hymn sung at the Herut Purim conference by the Petah Tikva delegate who put the boot in was: "One toe Malca," while on Shushan Purim, Haman was left with both feet, 10 toes, up in the air.

But what, R. Marrakesh butted in, is a Jew expected to do with 10 bottles of syrupy Kiddush wine and 370 stale hamentaschen? Easy, intruded R. Keshbadelet, stick 'em on the wall. Commented R. Pladelet: the wall is obviously that which distinguishes circumvallated urban megalopolises from previous residential conglomerations.

But, insinuates R. Baniha, what if the wall surrounds a country, as does the Great Wall of China? Do not

read "China," but *cheinik*, or in the Uncle Oz translation: kettle. Do not read "kettle," but *kintel*, threw in R. Galabiyah. Don't be a twerp, objected R. Kalabooosh, do not read *kintel* but *kotel*. That, said Uncle, is Wall, which proves that you can't get away from it.

Walls, pontificated R. Kalabind, have ears. Uncle Oz: ne Haman. Two men are grasping a hamentasch, postulates the midrash. One says, "It's all mine." The other: "It's half mine." Expostulates R. Triss: "Poppycock, old seed!"

Three things will never be removed, allegorizes R. Truss: and these are: Purim, Hanukka and Dr. Burg. R. Dross ups the ante: On four things the world stands: million, income tax, and Dr. Burg, and I forget the fourth.

What says the Tosefta? Car allowance, phone, *mishloach manot*, work clothing, shoeshine.

Hence, determines R. Herans. Shoeshine Purim.

## If you knew Shushan, like I knew Shushan...

SHUSHAN, Adar 15. - The financial community here, at the hub of the mighty Persian empire, is still reeling from the impact of the draconian economic decrees announced last night by the new Prime Minister Mordechai Ben-Yair, and authorized by King Ahasuerus.

Ordinary citizens and economic experts alike agree on one thing: The new economic policy represents a complete reversal of the free spending and exuberant consumption that characterized the previous administration headed by the late Haman Agagite.

The new programme is based on



heavy taxation, with a land tax to be paid by all property-holders, and the Persian carpet tax that will be levied from tonight.

In addition, all the tax breaks that Haman pushed through in the wake of the execution of ex-Queen Vashiti (Esther 2, 18) have been repealed and the relief granted to certain

areas of the empire, believed to be those whose pashas were leading supporters of the Agagite party, has been cancelled.

Money-men both here and abroad were quick to welcome the new austerity measures of the Mordechai government. Zarathustra Finkelstein, a second-generation Judean exile who founded and runs the First National Bank of Shushan, told *The Imposter* "this policy gives us a chance to make a lot of money quick - I mean, put the economy back on its feet. Don't quote that last part."

Xerxes Q. Hellespont, chairman of the Hellespont and Macedonias

Trust Company and the owner of the Hellespont-Carthage - Pillars of Hercules pleasure-cruise line said that from Persia's point of view the moves were very positive, if somewhat overdue. He was, however, very critical of the carpet tax. "This will certainly hurt my business," he said, "because we have many Persian customers. It will also make travel agents like myself less eager to bring tourists to Persia." He admitted, though, that many foreigners, particularly North European Barbarians, would be attracted to Shushan for the public hangings that were now taking place.



"THE RIGHTEOUS OF ALL NATIONS ARE SUPPOSED TO ENTER THE WORLD TO COME. DOES THIS MEAN MY FAMILY WILL HAVE TO LIVE IN A MIXED NEIGHBOURHOOD AFTER THE END OF DAYS?"

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"Maimonides says there will be no more rich and poor when the Messiah comes. But I still want to retain ownership of my multinational and exploit the peasants of Chile."

"I own a winter home in the Bahamas and a ski chalet in the Swiss Alps. Will I be able to keep them after the ingathering of the exiles?"

"I just signed for \$1 billion worth of wheat futures for Shtei Gadot Shmura Matzas, Inc. in Mea Shnorim. Eternal plenty could wipe me out."

"And who will provide for my family if they merit the resurrection of the dead and I don't?"

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THE PLACE: Cairo. The time: 7.30 a.m. The telephone rings in the luxurious apartment of the beautiful and sensual actress, one of the most popular in Egypt.

"Can I speak with Ma'ali Za'id, the actress?"

"Speaking."

"This is the police. Vice bureau. We're sorry to bother you at this early hour, but you are requested to appear at the nearest police station, on Kasr al-Nil Street, in an hour. A complaint has been filed against you by a religious figure, Sheikh Talawi, charging you with performing a pornographic scene in your movie *Love - The Last Chapter*."

"Me? A pornographic scene? Are you mad? I have never appeared in a sex scene, not in that movie or in any other. I am a decent woman. This is libel!"

"Look, this argument is pointless. You have to present yourself at the police station in 55 minutes, at 8.30. You may bring a lawyer. Goodbye."

A FEW minutes earlier, well-known actor Yehi al-Fakhri, who played the leading role in *Love - The Last Chapter*, had also been summoned to the police station.

"It was a nightmare I will never forget. I entered the room of the investigating officer in the vice bureau. After asking for my personal details, he warned me that anything I said could be used against me as evidence in court, and that I was entitled to remain silent or be represented by a lawyer."

"I was on the verge of exploding,

## Flap over film bedroom scene

By YA'ACOV LAMDAN / Special to The Jerusalem Post

but I controlled myself. I knew that the officer was just doing his job, and that if there had been a complaint he had to investigate.

"I explained to him that according to the script, Ma'ali was my wife, and that I was mortally ill. She tries to make my last days easier, and to make me forget for a moment my fatal disease and imminent death. She shows me great warmth and affection and enters my bed. With my remaining strength I snuggle up to her and return her love."

"True, it's a bedroom scene, but it's in very good taste and a vital part of the script. We played it with the utmost tact. Only my torso is exposed - and the exposure of the male chest has yet to be banned."

"As for Ma'ali, only her face and arms are visible in this scene. Trick photography created the illusion of physical intimacy. Except for my being bare to the waist, we were both fully clothed."

Is that a pornographic scene? Could it turn anyone on? How could such a scene stimulate that sheikh or

anyone else? And if it was really a provocative scene, the censor would never have allowed it."

THE POLICE questioned Ma'ali Za'id in the presence of her lawyer. She refused to answer reporters' queries about the vice bureau investigation. She only repeated that she was innocent, that the scene in question was not pornographic. If there were any complaints, she said, they should be addressed to the producer and the director, and not to the actors.

Za'id and Fakhri were freed on bail pending their trial.

THE EGYPTIAN censor is highly conservative, and even prolonged kisses are cut by his shears. The question many are asking in Egypt today, in the wake of the arrest and interrogation of the film stars, is how did the blue-censored censor permit the scene that so enraged Sheikh Talawi.

When the chief Egyptian censor, Na'ima Hamdi, viewed the film, she had serious reservations about the



Even a screen kiss may be cut short by the Cairo censor

husband-wife bedroom scene. Although it was an integral part of the script, designed to emphasize the emotional love of the wife who wants to make her husband's final moments pleasant, the censor feared that the scene would be misunderstood, and that some viewers would see it as nothing more than a sexual act, with no connection to the rest of the movie. The censor, therefore, ordered the scene cut by several

seconds and the removal of some movements that could ignite the imaginations of prurient viewers, in spite of the plot's tragic circumstances. Moreover, the censor ordered that the entire scene be cut from the video-film version.

It should be noted that the bulk of the movie producer's profits come from the sale of tens of thousands of video versions throughout the Arab world. According to a cautious esti-

mate, there are more than three million video cassette recorders in the Arab world, and their owners are hungry for new Arab films. As a result, a video version of a film is usually ready at the same time - and sometimes even before - one is available for the screen.

The police investigation confirmed that the bedroom scene had been approved for the movie theatres but not for the video ver-

sion. But when the police examined a video of the film, they discovered that despite the ban the bedroom scene had been left in.

THE CENSOR had a ready response for the police: We're in the clear. We forbade the showing of the bedroom scene in private homes. And we restricted the cinema version to adults only. The censor said that the makers of the movie should be tried for violating her orders.

The Egyptian public is divided over the affair. There are those who think that the actors should be let off the hook, because they are not responsible for the contents of the film, and certainly not for the inclusion of the bedroom scene in the video film. Others have condemned the actors, saying that they too - and not just the producer and director - have a hand in a scene that is liable to corrupt young and old alike.

No one, however, criticized the deletions ordered by the censor.

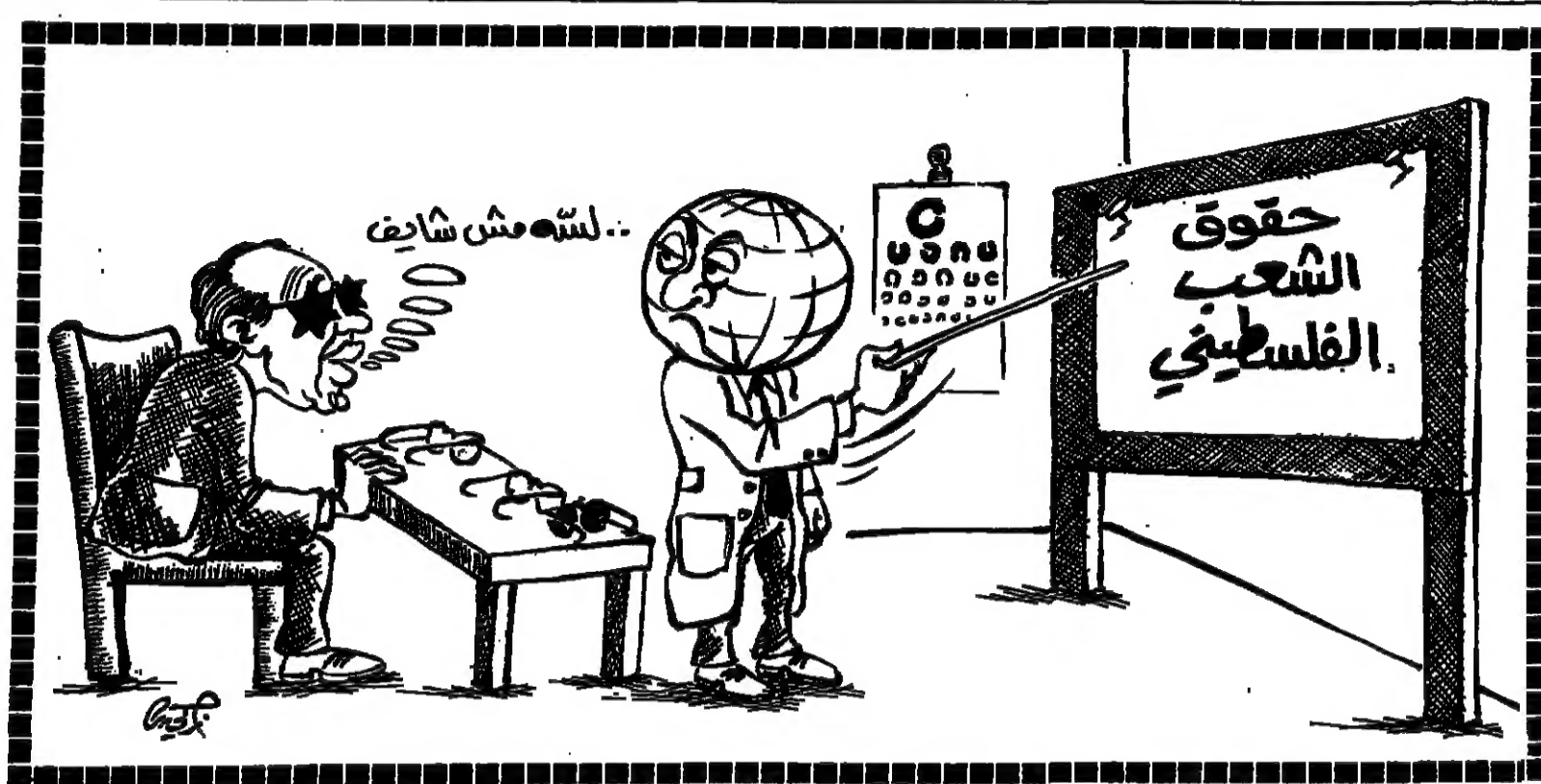
The affair has occupied the Egyptian public for the past few weeks. How it will end no one can tell. Will the two actors be charged? Or will the authorities make do with the trial of the producer and director?

The immediate result of the flap has been the surprising success of the movie at the box-office. Before the scandal broke, ticket sales were so low, the producers were about to withdraw the film.

But after the religious figure's complaint, the film is playing to packed houses. And despite its pessimistic plot, it is likely to continue playing for months.

## Jordanian thrust at Zionism

On the blackboard: "the rights of the Palestinian people." Shimon Peres says: "I still can't see." This cartoon appeared in the Jordanian paper *e-Dustur* on March 9.



## Hardship Saudi-style

By ROBIN LUSTIG / Riyadh

"SOME people," said a wealthy Saudi merchant recently, "are suffering real hardship. Take me, for example - I now have to decide whether I can really afford to pay for first-class seats for all my 17 servants next time I fly to Los Angeles."

He was not, one suspects, being entirely serious. Yet his jest helps remind one that in Saudi Arabia, the word "recession" has a slightly less ominous ring to it than elsewhere. There can be few other countries which could survive a drop in overseas earnings by more than half in less than five years with the apparent equanimity shown by the robed royal rulers of this vast desert kingdom.

Only five years ago, Saudi Arabia was producing more than 10 million barrels of crude oil a day. Today, output is below five million barrels - less than half - with prices significantly lower than in 1980 and with every prospect of them falling yet further.

So how is it done? In a word, reserves - of both cash and people. During the boom years between 1974 and 1979, Saudi Arabia built up cash reserves of around \$160 billion. It also imported more than two million foreign workers - equal to about 50 per cent of the kingdom's indigenous population - to provide the labour for the massive development projects financed by the oil revenue.

WHEN THE going got tough, there were savings in the bank, and the foreign workers could be thanked for their help and shipped back home. For most Saudis, life went on, more or less, as before. Sales of cars, the most conspicuous item of consumption, dropped, admittedly, but they are still healthy enough, with the British Jaguar the latest status symbol.

"The average Saudi now keeps his car for three years rather than 18 months before trading it in for a new one," says one analyst in Riyadh. "The people feeling the pinch are the foreigners."

There are stories of some foreign workers not being paid, and of government delays in paying for completed contracts. In the construction industry especially, which

has traditionally employed hundreds of thousands of overseas workers, a number of local companies are facing collapse. Cheaper workers from Bangladesh are replacing the more expensive Koreans, and British engineers and being hired instead of their more expensive colleagues from the United States.

There has also been a crackdown on the transfer of work permits from one employer to another, so that once a contract is fulfilled, it is harder for a worker to find a new job without returning home first. For the estimated 150,000 Thais in Saudi Arabia, an added complication has been the kingdom's demand that they be certified free of AIDS virus before coming here. Money sent home by workers overseas is Thailand's third largest foreign currency source, after tourism and rice.

"Without doubt, there has been an immense readjustment over the past few years," said a senior diplomat here. "But one has to remember that in the 10 years before that, there had been a similar process of adjustment as the money started pouring in. So far, the system has been flexible enough to cope."

SAUDI ARABIA'S cash reserves are now thought to be down to between \$60 billion and \$80 billion, while oil production has crept back up from its lowest level of only two million barrels a day. But increasing production, even modestly, is of little use if the market price keeps falling. Latest forecasts suggest the price could fall on average this year to below \$20 a barrel, while demand from the world's non-communist countries is thought likely to increase by more than 100,000 barrels a day.

Saudi officials, while accepting that they cannot continue drawing on their reserves as in the past, insist that there is a positive side to this "new economic circumstances." Businesses are forced to become more competitive and efficient, they say, while individual Saudis have to learn that the goose cannot be relied upon to lay golden eggs forever.

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## Getting ready to mark Land Day

ON ITS 10th anniversary, March 30, Land Day will have lost much of its original meaning. An established commemorative date on the Israeli Arab and Palestinian calendar, its emphasis has evolved beyond the simple protest against land expropriation which led to violent clashes with security forces and the death of six Arabs March 30, 1976.

Conversations with Arab local council heads in Galilee and the Triangle reveal a shift in the agenda for Land Day, from a struggle to hold on to land threatened with expropriation to action to ensure and extend Arab rights in lands owned and occupied by Arabs.

High on the agenda of the 10th Land Day will be the proposed closing of some 12,000 dunams of land in Army training zone 9 in Galilee. The area to be closed off for maneuvers includes tracts of agricultural land owned by residents of the neighbouring Arab villages of Arraba and Sakhuin. Consultations have already been held between village representatives and government officials on the possible closure.

Officials in the office of the Adviser on Arab Affairs say they are working to coordinate the move with local Arab leaders, but the local

council heads remain suspicious.

"We fear that closure of the area is not really for military purposes, but a first step towards expropriation and annexation of the area to neighbouring Jewish settlements," Muhammad Nassar, Arraba local council head said. "Our experience has shown that areas closed for military purposes became land for new settlements."

ANOTHER FOCUS of attention on Land Day will be demands to increase the amount of land reserved for expansion of Arab villages and towns. Arab local heads unanimously maintain that Arab villages have been allotted little, if any, land for expansion while neighbouring Jewish settlements have been given disproportionately large tracts.

Some said they had been prevented from taking land adjacent to their villages under their councils' jurisdiction, and the areas were later turned over to Jewish regional councils. Others charged that Arab land had been annexed to neighbouring Jewish towns, such as Upper Nazareth, or taken over for afforestation by the Jewish National Fund.

Arab local council heads say the

March 30 has become an annual day of protest for Israeli Arabs. Joel Greenberg reports.

lack of master plans for the expansion of Arab settlements is the root cause of the third item on the Land Day agenda: an estimated 7,000 illegally constructed structures in the Arab sector. Umm el-Fahm mayor Hashem Mahmud warned the structures are in danger of demolition, though officials in the office of the Adviser on Arab Affairs say the matter is under fundamental review. They said the office is conducting a detailed survey of illegal Arab construction with the aim of resolving the issue without wholesale demolition of the structures. A major component of the office's policy will be mapping out appropriate master plans for expansion of Arab settlements for the first time or to replace outdated plans. Officials in the adviser's office hope planned expansion of Arab settlements will reduce

incidents of illegal construction.

Though Land Day demonstrations will largely focus on these and other local issues, such as the financial plight of Arab local councils, Israeli Arab leaders say they will also use the occasion to speak out against racism in Israel and call for a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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The movement has proposed a general strike on Land Day in the Arab sector and argued that demonstrations planned by the Communist-dominated "Committee

for the Defence of the Lands" were inadequate.

"We hope Land Day will be peaceful," said Minister without Portfolio Ezer Weizman, who is responsible for Israeli Arab affairs. "It would be a mistake for the Arabs to heat up the atmosphere. There's a lot of goodwill on our part to right wrongs and find fair solutions to many problems. An outburst could only be counterproductive."

"It would be a slap in the face to our efforts and make it more difficult to be forthcoming in the future," an official in the Office of the Adviser on Arab Affairs said.

The adviser, Dr. Yosef Ginat, is intent on isolating the practical problems of Israeli Arabs from broader ideological issues. Ginat said there is little he can do to offset what he calls extremist trends towards "Palestinization" and "Islamization" in the Israeli Arab community. What he can offer, he said, is more effective and fair solutions to problems facing Israeli Arabs, so they can feel equal citizens in their country. "On this level, I can restore trust," he said.

## A night of noise

Following is the second excerpt from the book by the Palestinian man of letters, Khalil Sakakini. That's the Way I Am, World. It describes the last days of the Arab neighbourhood of Katamon in 1948.

Saturday, March 30, 1948 (moon)

THE JEWS launched a heavy attack on our neighbourhood of Katamon, which began in the middle of last night and has continued until noon today. Shells were fired from cannons, and bullets from guns, intermittently, and there were explosions the likes of which were never seen. Kitchener, in all his battles, did not hear what we heard tonight.

This week we had a visit from "Abu Musa" (Abdel Kader Al-Husseini) and some of his fighters, "Abu Al-Abd" (Ibrahim Abu

Days), from Surif, the Mukhtar of Raffat, Abu Ata, and Kamel Al-Arikat (all leading commanders of the Jerusalem front-Ed).

I wanted to take the opportunity to draw his attention to the ethics of war followed in every time and place:

1. The wounded must be tended.
2. Prisoners must be well treated.
3. The dead must be turned over to their relatives.

4. Abu Bakr's instructions - when he bade farewell to the army advancing on Palestine - must be adhered to. He said: "Do not slay babies, nor women and old men. Do not set fire to trees nor destroy houses. Neither should you pursue those who retreat from the battlefield. Do not mutilate corpses nor harm those who devote themselves to worshipping God."

But on this matter I would say, "Return your swords to their scabbards, and do not fight anyone, because the world is wide enough for all."

But who will listen to me, who will give it the least consideration. Here I say what the Messiah said: My kingdom is not of this world.

Translated from the Arabic by Joel Greenberg and Mical Seza.

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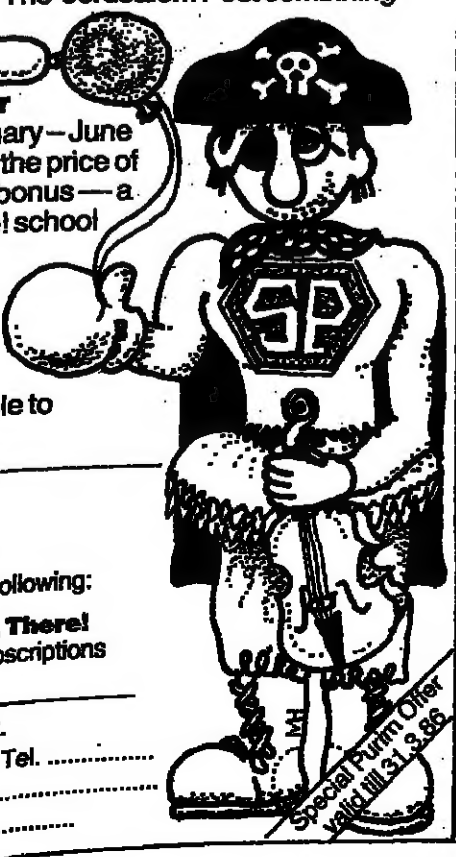
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## The micro and the macro of things

Some time ago I wrote a polite letter to the editor of *Ha'aretz* which ran something like this:

"Dear Mr. Gershon Schocken; if you can't deliver your paper every day as promised, how can you convince me that you and your scintillating staff know better than those in the government how to eliminate our adverse balance of payments, how to balance the budget, or how to impose effective taxes? Is it more difficult to organize the proper delivery of your paper than to reduce the country's huge external debt? How much credence can we give to your macro pearls of wisdom, when you can't master micro grains of sand?"

Being an archaic economist is one of several deeply entrenched characteristics of Israeli society. These side-line critics are something akin to the financial advisers in the banks. They can't make their salaries last until the end of the month, but they know how to advise others how to invest and make millions.

All these amateur strategists have two things in common: a singular ignorance of the relevant facts, and brilliant hindsight. Had someone taken their advice months or years ago, things would have been better, they keep telling us.

But when it comes to telling us what to do now, we find that they have a multitude of conflicting opinions, viewpoints and policies.

And when one of the prophets is tapped for a key position and has a chance to actually do something, he finds that the view from the inside is very different from that on the outside. Constraints and the need to pay off political debts tie his hands at every step.

Perhaps the outstanding cause of their defeat is their belief that financial problems can be solved by juggling funds from one sector to another, instead of getting down to hard work; and that a problem can be solved by drawing up a plan — forgetting that the most brilliant plan will be useless unless someone can be found to implement it.

We are excellent jugglers and planners, but bad workers and implementers.

Another of our characteristics is the tendency to blame the bloated bureaucracy for virtually everything. From sitting on papers for weeks and months, until a project stagnates, to simply losing the papers submitted.

Now, this is a gross exaggeration. No one is perfect, and even the worst bureaucrats slip up now and then and do something right.

But our main point is that instead of demanding the blood of the bureaucrats, it would be wiser to take steps to upgrade them.

Like death and taxes, we constantly demand long-range economic and financial planning and the abandonment of the present policy of putting patch on patch, of a financial fire brigade rushing from place to place to put out economic fires, of muddling through.

Yet, until the world settles down to sanity, until peace comes to the Middle East, financial and economic muddling through is probably better than drawing up a rigid long-range plan — which must be sharply differentiated from having long-range goals that can be reached in a variety of ways. Muddling through provides flexibility, and engenders the ingenuity to tackle each problem as it arises instead of trying to sweep it under the carpet, since it does not fit in with preconceived planning.

Muddling through seems to be a prerequisite of every democracy, which is certainly better than any other form of government.

We must learn to muddle through better.

And then we have our own home-grown variety of brinkmanship. We are always tottering at the edge of any abyss, and we are always caught by one fit of public hysteria after another. Before we can think things through and make up our minds, our leaders hit us with another devastating problem.

Incidentally, Schocken never answered my letter. But his local agent phoned a week later and prostrated himself with promises of better service. And service did improve. But the improvement in micro service is still not good enough to convince me of the wisdom of his macro thinking.

EROS. — The statue of Eros, the amorous archer, was returned yesterday to its rightful place in London's Piccadilly Circus. The 200 kilo aluminum statue, which had stood poised over Piccadilly since 1893, was removed for restoration in August 1984.

## BUDGET

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needed to cover the budget deficit could be raised by taxing luxury flats, a measure already approved by the cabinet. They also proposed selling government-owned corporations and taxing premiums paid to managerial insurance schemes.

Moda'i, meanwhile, faced rebellion in the ranks of his Likud faction on the extension of the vehicle taxes. MK Dan Tichon, a party backbencher, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that there was not a chance in the world that the extension would get through the Knesset Finance Committee. "They should stop looking for new taxes all the time, and cut government spending," he said.

He added that those who had

agreed to a vehicle tax themselves use government-supplied cars. "They simply do not know the tax is in some cases as high as one month's salary," Tichon said.

Moda'i said after the meeting that the participants agreed that budget limits would not be overstepped. He admitted that the issue of the education levy remained open, but stressed that all those taking part in the debate had agreed that the overall budget sum approved in the first Knesset reading be the same as the one that will appear in the second and third readings.

"There is a good chance the budget will be tabled for second reading before the new fiscal year starts," he added.

## POLITICIANS FIGHT

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natural constituency, Ramon appears to be saying.

MK Avraham Shapira (Agudat Yisrael) wants to increase the tax on petrol. He knows that relatively few ultra-Orthodox voters own cars, and that their children, unlike most secular children, are transported to school by government subsidized yellow buses.

So a week before the new fiscal year begins, the politicians are still arguing about which part of the population will suffer more.

In the framework of "cutting" the budget, the government continues to find ways of increasing the tax burden on Israelis, until life becomes unbearable.

The tax burden in this country is already the heaviest in the world. In no other country with a per capita income similar to Israel's does the population pay anywhere near 47 per cent of the Gross National Product in taxes, as is the case here.

It has become clear that all the cutbacks the government adopted are to remain on paper; in practice, the government deficit will be reduced only by constantly increasing taxes.

But the government's economic plan, which calls for reducing the deficit by cutting the budget or by

raising taxes, is obsolete. The programme was put together before oil prices dropped, along with the interest the Israeli economy must pay on its foreign debts. The value of the dollar has also dropped in world money markets since the plan was conceived. All of these factors have benefited the Israeli economy, at least for the moment, but the government is still keeping to the original programme.

If any part of the original plan should be preserved, it is the dismissal of government workers. This was intended to change the structure of the economy and reduce the hidden unemployment which saps the country's economic strength. But Peres has already prevented implementation of recommended dismissals.

For some reason, getting the building industry moving again — including Solei Boneh — is now seen as the way to achieve growth. This is apparently why Peres and Finance Minister Moda'i have decided to help that sector by speeding up the construction of the Mamilla commercial centre in Jerusalem and building a shopping mall in Bat Yam. The hoped-for economic growth has suddenly taken the form of building commercial centres.

Maybe there is a secret plan to export Mamilla. But I haven't heard of it.

## MATZA

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produced by the firm so far this year had been shipped to other towns for marketing. Rabina refused to specify where the matza had been sent, fearing that fires would be started there as well.

Petah Tikva fire chief Hanan Levitan said yesterday that after the first fire six weeks ago, an Arab employee at the factory had been arrested on suspicion of arson. Levitan said all three fires were probably caused deliberately.

The Petah Tikva police refused to comment yesterday on the possibility of arson or to give details on the suspect arrested after the first fire.

The latest blaze broke out at about 2:30 a.m. yesterday. A factory employee working in a nearby building first spotted smoke coming out of the first floor of the storeroom.

Soon huge tongues of flame enveloped the building and clouds of black smoke covered Petah Tikva. Firefighters arrived soon after the blaze broke out and battled the fire all night.

The 200,000 packages of matza stored on the first floor of the two-story building were destroyed during the early stages of the fire. But the firefighters prevented the blaze from spreading to the second floor, where another 150,000 packages were stored.

Eleven fire trucks from Petah Tikva, Bnei Brak, Givatayim and Ramat Gan, with three cranes and two bulldozers were used to fight the fire. By yesterday evening it was under control but not extinguished.

Industry Ministry spokesman Amiram Fleisher said he did not expect a matza shortage because other matza factories have agreed to step up production.

The Chief Rabbinate has granted permission to matza factories to operate during the intermediate days of Pesach if the need arises, the spokesman said.

One of the owners of Matzot Yisrael said on television last night that there would not be a shortage as long as the public refrained from panic buying of matza.

Matzot Yisrael and Matzot Aviv are estimated to produce 40-60 per cent of the country's matza. They are owned mainly by the Danenberg, Wolf and Rabina families.

The firm was placed in receivership after the families quarrelled among themselves. But court-appointed receiver Yehzekel Flumin, who is now managing the firm, has brought about a reconciliation between the families.

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Non-Bank Index	124.52	+1.56%
Arrangement	105.25	+0.13%
Insurance	141.57	+3.42%
Commerce, Services	127.11	+1.08%
Real Estate	150.04	+1.70%
Industries	115.50	+1.49%
Textiles	140.01	+2.52%
Metals	108.88	+0.38%
Electronics	102.12	+1.71%
Chemicals	113.76	+1.24%
Industrial Invest.	118.98	-0.05%
Investment Cos.	130.77	+1.16%
General Bond Index	101.08	+0.05%
Index-linked Bonds	101.17	+0.07%
Fully-linked	102.44	-0.26%
Partially-linked	102.71	+0.29%
Dollar-linked Bonds	99.07	-0.07%
Short-term 0-2 yrs	100.81	+0.21%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	100.97	+0.08%
Long-term 5+ yrs	100.00	-0.35%

Turnovers:		
Shares - total	NIS 8,858,600	
Arrangement	NIS 1,547,600	
Non-bank	NIS 7,112,000	
Bonds - total	NIS 3,988,900	
Index-linked	NIS 2,162,500	
Dollar-linked	NIS 1,826,400	
Treasury Bills	NIS 6,557,100	
Share Movements:		
Advances	225 (237)	
of which 5%+	78 (100)	
"Buyers only"	9 (25)	
Declines	80 (81)	
of which 5%-	28 (25)	
"sellers only"	2 (2)	
Unchanged	88 (72)	
Trading Halt	46 (46)	
Bond Market Trends:		
Index-linked	3% fully-linked	Falls to 1%

4.25% fully-linked	Mixed to 3%
80% linked	Rises to 0.5%
90% linked	Stable
Double-linked	Mixed to 1%
Dollar-linked	
Admon	Minor movements
Rimon	Minor movements
Gilboa	Mixed to 2.5%
For. Curr. denominated	Minor movements
Treasury Bills (monthly yield)	1.43% to 1.54%

Arrangement yields:	
IDB ord.	11.56%
Union 0.1	11.88%
Discount A	12.16%
Mizrahi 1	12.04%
Hapoelim r.	12.11%
General A	11.73%
Leumi stock	12.14%
Fin. Trade 1	10.88%

### SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	% change
<b>Commercial Banks</b>			
(last part of "arrangement")			
Maritime 1	1235	5658	+2.3
General non-arr.	29300	183	-1.0
First Int'l	3700	7417	+3.3
FIH	3540	3752	+1.2
<b>Commercial Banks</b>			
(last part of "arrangement")			
IDB 1	80350	139	+0.3
Union 0.1	59900	57	+0.8
Discount	102100	345	-
Mizrahi	33010	225	+0.2
Hapoelim 1	54400	367	-
General A	140250	17	+1.4
Leumi 0.1	34550	1855	-
Fin. Trade	47200	-	-
<b>Mortgage Banks</b>			
Leumi Mort. r	4070	463	+4.9
Dev. Mort.	1055	2294	+8.7
Mishkan r	1912	284	+0.1
Tishlot r	12500	25	+5.0
Merav r	2757	2459	+10.4
<b>Financial Institutions</b>			
AgriCo	34000	1	-2.0
Ind. Dev. DD	no trading	-	-
Clal Leasing 0.1	8924	44	+1.0
<b>Insurance</b>			
Anarot 1 r	3891	b.o.2	+5.0
Haasneh r	2710	1940	-
Phoenix 0.1	1285	349	+0.1
Hamishmar	6400	50	+1.4
Manorah 1	6790	54	+3.7
Sahar r	4597	1313	+10.0
Zion Hold. 1	12405	115	-

Trade & Services			
Meir Ezra	3900	510	-2.5
Supersol 2	4110	369	+1.0
Dalek r	4515	1087	+1.0
Lightsave	8525	51	+12.2
Cold Storage	970	259	-10.0
Dan Hotels	3860	53	-
Yarden Hotel	2940	339	+2.2
Hilton 1	11988	38	+8.8
Teem 1	1850	423	-
<b>Real Estate, Building and Agriculture</b>			
Azorim	3570	1190	-
Elion	1190	1289	+3.7
Africa Int. 0.1	39000	122	-
Deniker	3500	900	+4.5
Prop. & Bldg.	2505	4686	-
Bayshore 0.1	4250	351	+0.9
ILDC r	44400	377	-
Russco r	5225	499	+2.5
Mehadrin	5521	463	+4.8
Hadarim	1157	5311	+4.8
<b>Industries</b>			
Dubak b	3168	468	+1.0
Pr-Ze 1	2272	2115	-10.0
Sunroof	5845	167	+2.6
Elite	14648	125	+5.0
Adgar	735	1931	+2.5
Argamim r	7546	1082	+4.1
Delta 0.1	4680	518	+4.5
Maquette 1	21800	4	-4.4
Eagle 1	8900	112	+3.5
Polgar 0.1	8115	1089	+1.2
Rosenthal	15300	79	+2.7
Shapira	3151	365	+1.5
Urden 0.1 r	8448	56	-
Is. Can. Co. 1	985	4455	+3.8
Zion Cables	2128	1047	+8.4
Pekker Steel	5571	1491	+4.2
Elbit 3 r	40600	19	+1.5

Elron	400000	19	+3.9
Arti	30150	454	-
Clal Electronics	2500	1711	-
Spectronix 1	1714	689	-5.3
T.A.T. 1	3810	187	+0.8
Akerstein 1	1350	1153	-2.2
Agan 5	17600	151	-1.0
Alliance	1308	1148	+15.0
Dexter	3190	155	+10.0
Fertilizers	10973	48	+5.0
Heila Chem.	889	2173	+0.4
Teva r	51100	181	+2.0
Dead Sea r	13851	1417	+1.1
Petrochem.	371	28951	+4.2
Neca Chem.	3300	295	+4.8
Frutaron	9571	185	-
Hadass Paper	176920	107	+4.7
Central Trade	6050	518	-
Koor p	4700000	0	-1.5
Clal Inds.	1453	15288	-
<b>Investment Companies</b>			
IDB Dev. r	3518	2373	-
Elion	2755	1388	-
Arti 1	no trading	-	-
Galelet	1257	20	-1.8
Israel Corp. 1	8832	438	+5.0
Wolfson 1 r	71280	3	+8.0
Hapoelim Inv.	4010	281	-
Leumi Invest.	4845	371	-
Discount Invest.	2178	2539	+0.9
Mizrahi Invest.	16982	187	+8.6
Clal 10	2432	1064	-
Lendeco 0.1	8100	11	-
Pama 0.1	10250	185	+1.3
<b>Oil Exploration</b>			
Pez Oil Expl.	10690	104	-0.9
J.O.E.L.	1230	1133	+3.8
<b>Abbreviations:</b>			
b.o. buyers only	b. buyers	r registered	
b.o. sellers only	b. buyers	r registered	

## FINANCIAL DATA: ISRAEL EUROPE U.S.

### Israel Money Markets March 24, 1986

**SHEKEL INTEREST RATES**  
PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month  
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	LAST UPDATED	TAPAS	PAKAM 7-DAY	PAKAM 30-DAY
LEUMI	24.3	8-13%	8-13%	9-14 %
HAPOLIM	13.3	10-12%	11-12%	12-12.5%
DISCOUNT	13.3	7-13%	7-13%	9-13 %
MIZRAHI	18.2	12-19%	12-20%	12-18 %
PRST INTL	12.3	6-15%	7-13%	5-13 %

Rates vary according to size of deposit.  
(TAPAS: demand deposit paying daily interest.  
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 50 days.)

### PATAH — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of March 24)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	6.875	6.875	6.875
STG	10.125	9.375	9.375
DMK	3.875	3.875	3.875
SFR	3.500	3.375	3.375
YEN	3.875	3.625	3.500

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

### SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS		BANKNOTES		BANK OF ISRAEL Representative Rate
		Purchase	Sale	Purchase	Sale	
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1.4808	1.4892	1.46	1.53	1.4897
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	2.2153	2.2428	2.18	2.28	2.2249
GERMANY	MARK	0.6489	0.6570	0.54	0.67	0.6517
FRANCE	FRANC	0.2109	0.2138	0.20	0.22	0.2123
HOLLAND	GULDEN	0.5742	0.5813	0.57	0.59	0.5773
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	0.7723	0.7819	0.76	0.80	0.7775
SWEDEN	KRONA	0.2040	0.2065	0.20	0.21	0.2055
NORWAY	KRONE	0.2067	0.2092	0.20	0.21	0.2079
DENMARK	KRONE	0.1755	0.1776	0.17	0.18	0.1766
FINLAND	MARK	0.2884	0.2920	0.28	0.30	0.2900
CANADA	DOLLAR	0.6688	0.6720	0.64	0.68	0.6693
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	0.6803	0.6724	0.70	0.70	0.6800
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	0.7108	0.7196	0.60	0.68	0.7138
BELGIUM	FRANC	0.3108	0.3147	0.31	0.32	0.3186
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	0.8209	0.9323	0.91	0.96	0.9285
ITALY	LIRE	0.9523	0.9841	0.93	0.99	0.9546
JAPAN	YEN	100	0.6296	0.6399	0.62	0.6342
JORDAN	DINAR	1	—	—	1.08	0.963
EGYPT	POUNCE	1	—	—	0.80	0.8503



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## Too much ado

IT IS NOW SIX days to the end of the fiscal year, and the debate over the 1986 budget which went through its first reading in the Knesset three months ago, still drags on in the cabinet itself. In the circumstances, serious parliamentary debate of the budget can hardly be expected.

The Treasury warns that if the framework of NIS 30.2 billion laid down six months ago is exceeded by a dreaded NIS 400 million, the resulting monetary avalanche will sweep away the entire economic stabilization programme. It is, therefore, imperative, so say Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and his assistants, to implement without delay the still pending budgetary decisions of the government, and to enact the necessary legislation.

There is something very odd in this argument. It contains no reference whatever to the significant changes in economic conditions that have taken place since the budget was originally drafted, and it takes no notice of the revenue side of the budget. There has, after all, been a fall in oil prices that may, in fiscal 1986, save the economy at least \$500 million, and possibly much more: only a fraction of the saving has so far been passed on to the consumer. There has also been a fall in interest rates abroad, which should have some bearing on the allocations for servicing the foreign debt.

Other changes could be cited - but the Treasury's gaze remains fixed on the expenditure side.

The Treasury is also rather selective in the choice of past government decisions on which it insists and on the tax increases that go by the name of budget cuts.

Thus while pensioners are to be taxed and benefits for invalids are to be cut, and while parents are to pay a levy for the compulsory education of their children, the use of company cars is to remain tax-free. People over 65 will be free to go on working (and paying national insurance premiums), but their old-age benefits are not to be augmented.

At the same time, the premiums paid for "managers insurance" are to stay untaxed to assure comfortable pensions to the managerial class.

When the budget was originally drafted, the atmosphere was still one of immediate economic crisis. The argument then was that in an emergency considerations of social justice must take second priority. If that argument was ever plausible, it has become far less so in the past six months. Social justice should therefore be restored to its rightful place in the order of priorities.

If the danger of overrunning the original budget is indeed as great as the Treasury depicts it, then social injustices must be done away with in that framework.

The Treasury itself has suggested, according to one report, that the travel tax be raised next summer to \$200: this should bring in as much revenue as the tax on pensions. A tax on the use of company cars could yield the entire \$15 million over which Health Minister Mordechai Gur is doing battle with Mr. Moda'i. A tax on luxury flats might equal two-thirds of the revenue expected from the education levy.

The budget needs revision. But if time and political pressures do not allow for the most urgent of the required reordering of priorities, then the sky will not fall in even if the budget framework itself is exceeded by one per cent.

## The case of Kulas

A GREAT legal luminary the chairman of the Knesset Law Committee, Eliezer (Eli) Kulas, is not, and has never been reputed to be. But then there is nothing in the Knesset regulations that says the chairman of the committee must be a great legal luminary, or for that matter even hold a law degree. A law student struggling against impossible odds to graduate at the bottom of his class would certainly do, under the regulations.

Nevertheless, even in a democracy *noblesse oblige*, and the custom has over the years developed of awarding this high legislative office only to a known and respected jurist. So that when, in 1981, a youngish freshman deputy still engaged in a protracted effort to finish his legal education, was chosen by his Liberal colleagues to head the Law Committee, there were expressions of dismay.

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor, himself a Liberal, scolded his faction by querying, publicly: "Are you all crazy? The Liberal wing (of the Likud) doesn't have a more serious candidate than Kulas?" The Liberal justice minister, Moshe Nissim, too, was reported to be appalled. But political considerations prevailed, and Mr. Nissim was overruled.

Since then Mr. Kulas has been doing his yeoman's best to overcome the initial prejudice against him, although with rather less than overwhelming success. He dutifully followed party directives, and would only come to notice when he helped scuttle such legislative efforts as the proposed basic law on civil rights, or when he pushed a retroactive amendment to the pensions law designed to accommodate a single person.

But now MK Kulas has become a celebrity, of sorts. Doubtless he wishes he were not.

For it is alleged that Mr. Kulas finally won his degree, and then his lawyer's licence, by trading on his parliamentary status to obtain special dispensation from the law school deans of the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv universities.

The allegations have been denied, not least by Mr. Kulas himself. The two law deans have disclaimed any wrongdoing on the chairman's behalf, and in any case he must not be condemned without a proper investigation. Such an investigation must now be undertaken, preferably by the Knesset Ethics Committee. And until that committee has handed down its report, it would be only proper for Mr. Kulas to vacate his high seat.

# Wave of disd: in

YOSEF GOELL

"WE GOT the two doctors; now let's get the professor," was one of the more memorable quotes from the recent Herut convention.

The "two doctors" who had hit the dust were Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar and Dr. Binyamin Ze'ev Begin. "The professor" in line to be tackled next was Prof. Moshe Arens.

The two doctors had been shot down in the only two votes that were held at the convention before it broke down in total pandemonium: Ben-Elissar lost to Moshe Katsav and Begin lost to Arik Sharon. Arens was slated to run against David Levy for the chairmanship of the convention's steering committee.

The most telling reference was to Ben-Elissar, for he was running in the name of the David Levy camp, as opposed to Binyamin Begin, who was running for the Shamir caucus. The fact that the "wreckers", who we know by now to have come nearly entirely from the Levy camp, were determined to get Levy's man Ben-Elissar, too, is a chilling indicator of what was going on.

David Levy himself had had ample opportunity during the previous week to repeat his snide remarks about "doctors" and "intellectuals" in replying to the unguarded comment by Arens about a mafia in the party.

Herut may survive this convention. But even were it supplanted by another party on the right, however, it would be no tragedy. Beginning with its predecessor in Jabotinsky's Revisionist Party, it has had a 61-year run. This is not a bad record, especially when one considers that it, and the Mafai precursor to today's Labour Party, which it arose to oppose, represented the political schisms that were racking the Jewry of East and Central Europe 50 and

60 years ago, but which have become somewhat meaningless today.

The implication of the unbridled hatred for "doctors and professors" and all they represent is much more worrisome for the future of Israel.

It is far from just Herut. Consider the following:

• In an international ranking of the level of high school students' performances in mathematics and the sciences, Israeli students came out lower than those of nearly all of the industrialized countries. Of those countries, only the U.S. ranked slightly lower than Israel. We can be proud of the fact that we also came out ahead of Zaire and Swaziland.

• A friend recently told me that a friend of his who marks SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Tests) taken by applicants to American colleges told him that many Arab students from East Jerusalem and the West Bank did much better in the mathematics part of those tests than did many of the Israeli students whose tests he had marked.

• Every year, the army gets some 1,000 new recruits rated as effective illiterates, after "passing through" nine years compulsory education.

• University educators keep on complaining of the sub-standard state of preparation in which they receive new students from the high schools, and army officers complain of the declining level of technical training in the vocational schools, as evidenced by the level of the recruits they get.

All of this is happening in the only sovereign state of the Jewish People, a people who have been said to treasure, above all other values, the importance of learning.

One could add to the above list the low esteem in which teachers are held in the country and, apparently, in which they hold themselves. One

only has to read many street names in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and elsewhere to recall the high esteem in which teachers were held in the early years of the *yishuv*, and of the state of Israel.

Anyone with a sense of himself as a Jew cannot but react with a deep sense of shame and consternation to the above bits of evidence.

Besides the sense of shame, there is a very real danger of Israel's losing the qualitative advantage which in the past permitted her to triumph over her stronger and more numerous enemies. But it is an advantage that she also sorely needs in order to deal with the myriad internal problems which have been badly neglected for at least the past two decades.

It may well be that such developments come in waves. If that is indeed so, one can only hope that we are at present deep in the trough of a wave of disdain for learning, intelligence and formal education, and that the only way forward is up, out of that trough.

But such waves do not happen of their own. Climbing up out of the trough entails leadership and direction, qualities that have not been too much in evidence either among our political "leaders" or in the educational establishment.

If there is any one area in which business-as-usual can pose a mortal threat to the future of Israel, the evidence cited, and the atmosphere evinced at the Herut convention - but not only there - would seem to point to the field of education, and our national attitude to it. Dealing with this problem is as important as the efforts being made to rescue the economy, and certainly more critical than the question of will be or won't be - rotate, that is.

The writer is a Jerusalem Post political columnist.

# The fear within

ERIC MOSS

THE APPEARANCE of Meir Kahane and his crew on Israeli TV recently during their national party convention in Jerusalem, had chilling significance for me. It sent me back nearly 15 years to when I was a young psychology graduate student in New York City.

Kahane had gained some prominence with his Jewish Defence League (JDL) thugs in New York, where fighting hostile Blacks and Puerto Ricans in "ghetto" Brooklyn may have made some sense.

I went to hear him speak to a student group and I was, frankly, unimpressed and annoyed. The man was trying in an all too obvious way to make us see dangers that really weren't there and then led us to believe that he was the ideal one to help us confront these dangers - by violent means. If, I thought, he was selling cars, no one would have bought. Many in the audience reacted with laughter and scorn.

For myself and other students in New York in the early 1970s he continued to be a minor figure on the fringes of provincial Brooklyn, organizing disgruntled and frightened Jewish youths looking for action and outlets for their aggression.

Years passed. I finished my studies and came to live in Israel where I have worked in my profession ever since.

Then, some years ago, Kahane showed up in Israel. Perhaps he had not made much progress in Brooklyn and thought the market might be better here. I was stunned at the gullibility of Israelis. I had grown resigned to the phenomenon of Israelis indiscriminately adopting so much from America, but I was baffled by his acceptance here.

In America, his cheap game was so patently clear. Find a bogeyman - first the Communists, then the Blacks and Puerto Ricans - and go after him. Kahane had come to Israel and simply switched the bogeyman to the Arabs.

To the extent that anyone thought about him at all, they could not believe he really cared about anything more than making a name for himself. Media events were his goal.

The press became caught in the trap. How could they not report, for example, a major news event such as Kahane's attempt to enter the Arab village of Umm el-Fahm and convince the Israeli citizens there to emigrate. Even though he was stopped - and some 400 Jews who went there in solidarity with the villagers

did help stop him that day - Kahane still won visibility in the press.

A year later, his group convened at Binyenei Ha'uma. The TV newsmen there was caught in the dilemma of the liberal press: How to cover this news event and yet withhold support from and imply criticism of the movement? The newsmen tried to do so by reporting in an ironic and somewhat humorous vein. Humour is often a good play to take the wind out of an opponent's sails, but I doubt if it is enough in this case.

THREE YEARS ago, I wrote of my experiences as a member of an Israeli delegation to a European conference on the rise of neo-Fascism in Europe ("Double Images," *The Jerusalem Post* February 4, 1983). The situation of the Israeli delegates was a strange one. As Jews, it was only right that we had been invited. Yet, unlike our colleagues from Holland, Belgium, Germany, France and England, we could not report on any organized Fascist movement in our country.

So, somewhat smugly, we watched films from other countries, films showing arrogant right-wing thugs in their leather costumes facing off liberal and leftist demonstrators, who were occasionally beaten by police protecting the civil rights of the fascists.

This year we were treated by Israeli TV to similar scenes, only this

time at Binyenei Ha'uma, which is supposed to reflect the best of the nation. Is this what Herzl meant when he said we would be a country like all countries, that we, too, would have our own fascist party?

Without for a moment minimizing the real danger of this shameful, simplistic political organization, it seems to me that in the end, Kahane reflects trends and fears inside each and every one of us. Amos Alon wrote some years ago in *The Israelis* that most Israelis fight the Arabs each day and lose to the Nazis each night.

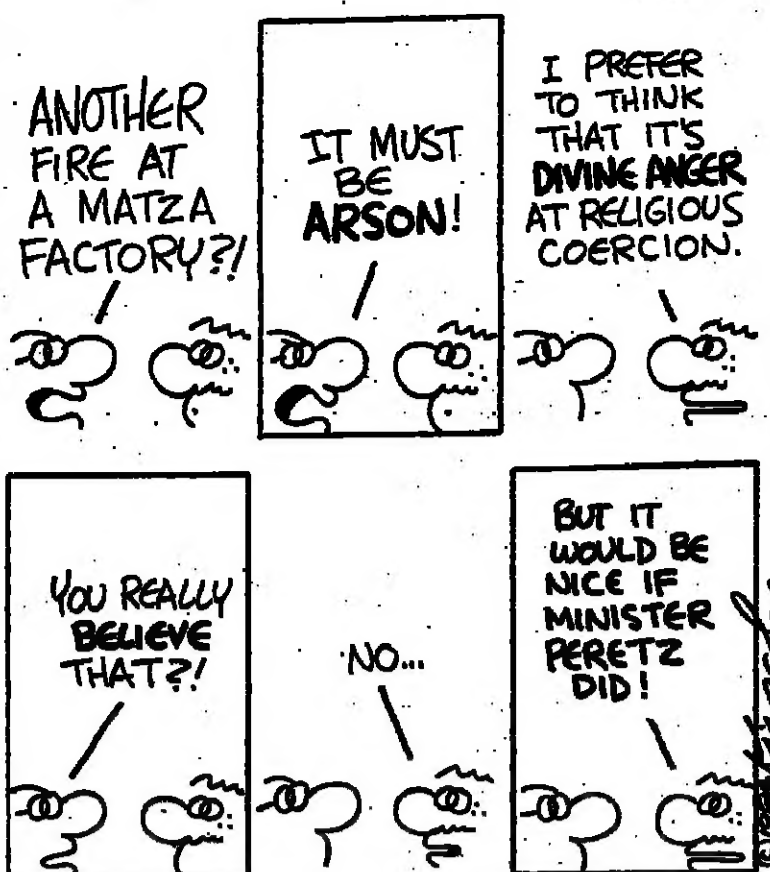
We all have fears and doubts: for our physical safety, our economic security, abilities and our children's welfare, to name a few.

The question is, what do we do with these fears? How do we handle them? Do we let them overcome us, or do we function well despite them? Rabbi Nachman said very wisely that all life is a narrow bridge and the main thing is not to be afraid.

Kahane and crew play on the lowest way of dealing with these fears. They find their source in people who look different. The solution they propose is seductively simple: Get rid of the other people. Psychology teaches us that this is a bankrupt strategy for individuals and society, because this strategy only helps us to avoid dealing with the real source of these fears, ourselves.

The writer is a clinical psychologist.

## Dry Bones



## READERS' LETTERS

### POLITICAL BUSYBODIES

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - Permit me an addition to your newsprint of March 18 concerning the visit of the Bishop of Rome to the Rome synagogue. (Unlike certain "veteran" representatives of a major Jewish organization, I see no reason for referring to the Bishop of Rome as the "Holy Father.") Your report, quoting reactions from diverse Jewish quarters, also links the synagogue visit to the question of Vatican diplomatic relations with Israel.

The Vatican is undoubtedly an establishment of some diplomatic significance, and hence it is legitimate for political bodies (e.g. the Israeli Foreign Ministry and various Jewish organizations which, in crude but actual fact, are political - or rather pseudo-political - but certainly not religious) to desire full diplomatic ties. But a Jewish theologian is at liberty to dissent, even at the risk of the stupid accusation of "sabotaging" Jewish interests. (Stupid, because the Vatican will do what it deems expedient, and will be neither encouraged nor deterred by the busybodying and lobbying of Jewish organizations or by the opinions of Jewish theologians.)

As an Israeli citizen, I desire nor-

mal and full diplomatic relations with other bona fide sovereign states: Albania, if possible; San Marino, by all means. But why with an allegedly religious institution that tries to play the game of a sovereign state? A Jew should certainly be interested in better interfaith relations, with other religious groups, including the one of which the Bishop of Rome is the head. (From the narrow local point of view of a Jerusalem citizen, "the" Bishop of Jerusalem is, of course, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch.)

But if the Bishop of Rome considers himself, on the one hand, the successor of him who said that his kingdom was not of this world, and on the other claims all the prerogatives and privileges of a sovereign head of state (including Vatican passports and papal ambassadors/nuncios), this is his affair. A Jewish theologian with a minimum of Jewish self-respect is not bound to play this game. Those who make an issue of Vatican "recognition" of Israel should at least say that they are speaking not for Judaism, but as members of the club of political busybodies.

R.J. ZWIWERBLOWSKY  
Jerusalem.

### PIANO NEEDED

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### EX-LEODENSIANS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - Under the auspices of the Hithadut Olei Britannia, we are organizing a Leeds evening. To facilitate this, I would like all ex-Leeds residents to contact me with their current address, telephone number, number of family members, etc. At 25/2 Hahashmonaim, Ra'anana, Tel. 052-453313 (home) or 03-474148 (work).

It would be interesting and, I feel sure, enjoyable to remember and perhaps relive a little of our past and renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

If this turns out to be a successful venture, it will be the first of many, covering other major centres of Jewish population in Britain and other parts of the world. RAY FISHER  
Ra'anana.

### ARTISTIC CRITICISM

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - I have often thought to write to you of my appreciation of Dora Sowden's reviews and other articles in *The Post*. Alas, like many good intentions...

I write now because the other afternoon, the subject of Antonio Gades's *Carmen* arose in conversation with a small group of friends, and within this context, there was general enthusiasm for Sowden's work. Particularly pleasant for me was that all these friends remarked upon the fact that there is in her work no element of the arrogance, the preening ego, and the general nastiness that pervades literary and artistic criticism and comment here in Israel and, indeed, often abroad. MICHAEL ELKINS  
Jerusalem.

## POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. A BEACH cricketer recently stunned a two-metre shark with his bat after it threatened his nine-year-old son while he was surfing.

Kevin Samson dashed into the water at a southern New Zealand beach to rescue his son and a friend when he saw the shark heading for them.

"I still had the bat in my hand and raced in and hit the shark on the head," Samson said.

He said the first two blows stunned the shark, but it began thrashing about as he dragged it by the tail to shore.

"I gave it a few more belts, but it was still writhing round on the beach for another three quarters of an hour," he added.

Mr. Charles D. Lieber, President of Lieber Publications, Lieber-Atherton, and Hebrew Publishing Company, all of New York, is visiting Israel from March 24 to April 3.

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